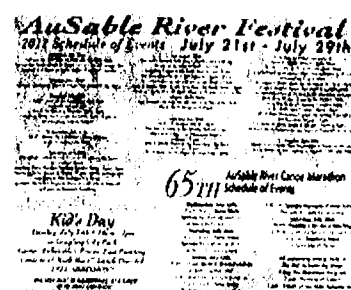


SPECIAL

AuSable River Festival Schedule of Events



List of events for the 2012 AuSable River Festival and the 65th AuSable River Canoe Marathon. **Pages 6-7A**

NEWS

Noise ordinance moving forward

Townships in Crawford County are planning to soon come on board with noise ordinances in light of complaints regarding the use of commercial grade fireworks.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said city and township officials were presented with a noise ordinance recommended by the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office to address fireworks complaints.

Compo said only a few minor changes need to be made to the ordinance for it to apply within the county. **Page 3A**

SPORTS

Organizers expecting fewer teams for AuSable Marathon



More than 70 paddling teams are expected for this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon, a 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda that's in its 65th year.

So far, as of Thursday, June 12, 69 teams were registered for the 2012 AuSable Marathon, according to the event's official website. The record for most AuSable Marathon teams was established in 2010, a year in which 94 duos started the race. Last year, 90 paddling teams started the AuSable Marathon.

This year's event will likely fall short of the recent record numbers of competitors. **Page 1B**

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Members of the Cragg family – (clockwise, starting at bottom left) Dylan, Angie, Jan, Makayla, and Matt – sit down for a meal during last Wednesday's benefit spaghetti dinner at the Grayling Middle School. The event, which also included a silent auction and a bake sale, raised more than \$18,000 for the families of Cierra Prosser and Shelby Golnick, two Grayling High School students who were injured during a four-wheeling accident on June 24.

BENEFIT DINNER EVENT RAISES MORE THAN \$18,000



Left: Maddie Benardo checks out some of the silent auction items at the benefit dinner. Area businesses donated dozens of items for the event. Right: Kimberly Jacobs-Alen, left, and Aleisha Hoover, right, sold custom T-shirts before the dinner and during the event to help raise additional money for the two families.



Left: Chrissy Bonamie works at a station where people wrote messages for the two girls. Right: Michelle Tobin and Chris Sheldon greet people as they enter the cafeteria for the dinner event.

Photos by Caleb Casey

County board supports linkage of state trails

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

County officials are taking steps to encourage the connection of non-motorized trails to make Michigan known as the "Trails State."

Wayne Koppa, chairman of the Crawford County Pathways committee, said Gov. Rick Snyder wants Michigan to be known as the Trails State. Connecting trails would boost tourism, the health of Michigan residents and provide more family oriented activities.

A state commission focused on state parks and outdoor recreation was appointed last year to propose new trails for the state. Koppa, however, said no one from the area has a seat at the planning table.

"The chances that they're going to come back with some recommendations for our area are slim," Koppa said.

Koppa would like to see the state fund construction of a trail that would link the Hartwick Pines State Park to the Otsego County State Park. Another part of the trails puzzle would link the City of Grayling with the North Higgins Lake State Park.

The Grayling Bicycle Turnpike, which links the City of Grayling to the Hartwick Pines State Park, was completed in 2004.

Koppa said 300,000 people visit the three state parks annually.

Koppa said connecting the trails would provide non-motorized travel from the Roscommon/Grayling area up to Gaylord, on to Cheboygan and then to Hawks, a community in Presque Isle County.

"This would be a logical link that could be tied to the trail to provide a north/south link for non-motorized travel," Koppa said.

Koppa said the sections of the trails could be developed incrementally as state funds become available.

"If you start looking at those things individually, it's real doable," Koppa said.

Koppa said he is encouraged by the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) enthusiasm to increase the network of trails in the state.

"The DNR is starting to come around," Koppa said.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners passed a motion last week, supporting the proposed trails.

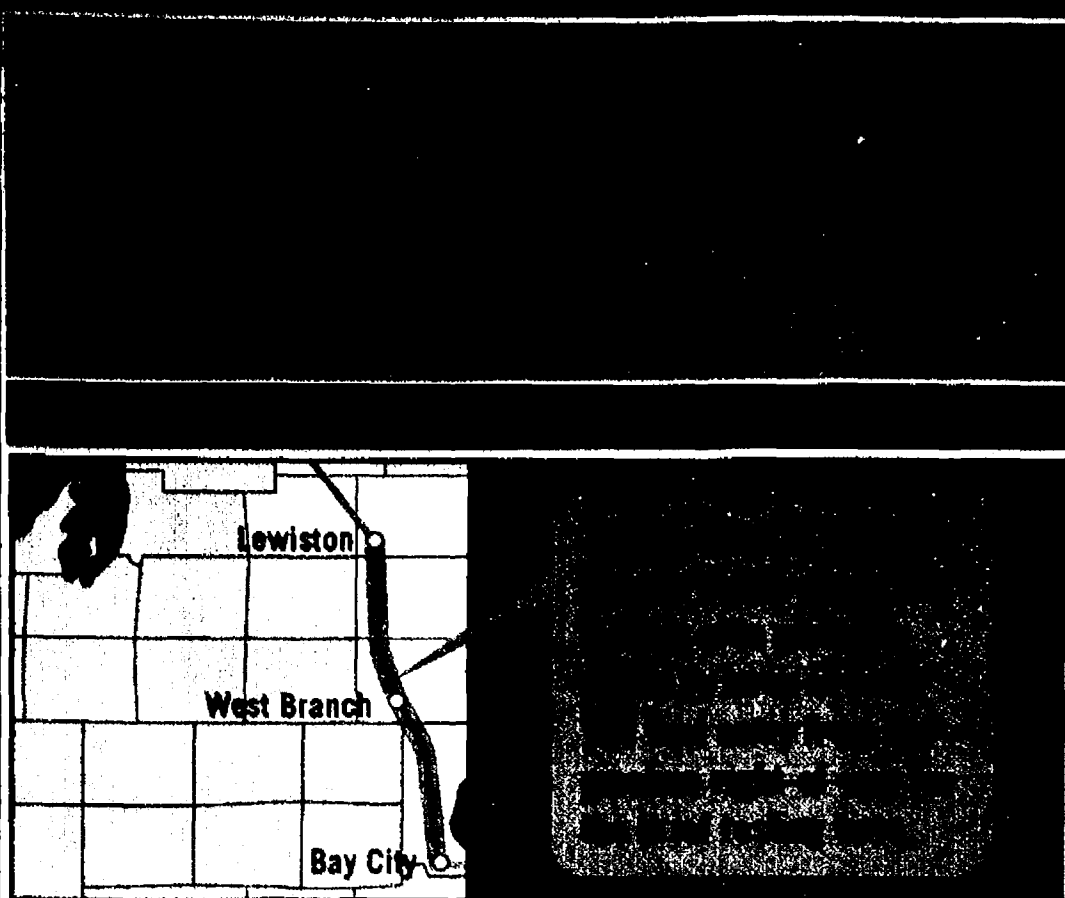
The board will vote on a formal resolution that will be sent to the state encouraging the linkage of existing trails at its next regular monthly meeting, which will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26.

Other non-governmental organizations will be asked to endorse the trails.



Large scale air to ground training taking place

Northern Strike 2012 is the largest air and ground exercise in Michigan history. For the next two weeks, 17 units from nine different states along with soldiers from Latvia and Canada will participate in the training. Above left, Warrant Officer Shawn Walker, assigned to the Royal Canadian Artillery School from Oromocto, New Brunswick, coordinates with a Black Hawk helicopter about providing machine gun support during Exercise Northern Strike 2012 at the Grayling Air Gunnery Range. Above right, Senior Airman Jameson Decker assigned to the 146th Air Support Operations Squadron in Oklahoma City, Okla., from Wichita, Kan., is using a handheld laser with night vision goggles to direct an F16 aircraft to a target while conducting a close air support mission at night from a Black Hawk helicopter during Exercise Northern Strike 2012 at the Grayling Air Gunnery Range.



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Officials looking at funding for future of recycling program

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County, city and township officials hope to join forces with Camp Grayling to keep recycled materials out of the landfill.

Officials are addressing the future of recycling in the county in the next few months.

In 2009, municipalities entered into an three-year plan to continue countywide recycling. One of the suggestions of the plan was to have Crawford County take over the operation of processing and handling recyclable materials for all entities in the county by April 1, 2012.

Since that deadline is passed, Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Rick Harland has asked the county for a business plan that would address the cost to continue recycling.

In the three year plan, Grayling Charter Township guaranteed to oversee countywide recycling through March 2012 as long as the costs to transport the recycled materials remained

cost neutral. If the amount received by Grayling Township for the sale of the materials did not equal or exceed the amount of transporting recyclables, the participating municipalities would reimburse Grayling Charter Township for its loss through a funding formula determined by a committee.

Last year, Grayling Charter Township lost \$7,000 due to high operating cost and the low cost received for the recycled materials.

"It's a huge amount of works and it's costing taxpayers, taxpayer dollars," Harland said.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo does not believe the county can take on another service at this time.

"I don't think it's in our best interest to oversee it," Compo said.

Compo said local offices need to come up with a swift solution for Grayling Charter Township.

"They need to know what they are going to do and

they can't continue to absorb the costs," Compo said.

Currently, there are two options on the table.

The first option is to update a cost sharing formula between the county, the City of Grayling and the townships. The funding plan proposed has over a \$40,000 shortfall.

Townships would be asked to pick up more of a burden to keep funding the program.

The second option is to bring Camp Grayling, which has its own recycling operation, into the fray. Combining recycling operations would add more storage capacity for the recycled materials and save on transportation costs.

"It has the potential to be the saving grace for the program both financially and efficiency wise, but it also has the potential to drag it out longer," Compo said.

Compo said new directives from the Michigan Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs, which encourages partnerships between military bases and local communities, could help move a pact forward. Compo said the changes will give Maj. Jim Robson, the facilities engineer for Camp Grayling who oversees recycling for the base, more latitude in working with the countywide recycling program.

Harland said he is pleased with the spirit of cooperation being shown to continue the recycling program and curb reusable resources from going into the landfill.

"We really want this to operate the best it can for the county," Harland said.

Meet & Greet

Come and meet with your Beaver Creek Township candidate for Supervisor, Max Meisner.

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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

November ballot will be extensive one

MICHIGAN VOTERS may consider taking a sleeping bag with them when they go to the polls in the November election.

Electing a president will be a simple chore contrasted with wading through the list of ways to amend the state constitution or repeal laws which may be included.

As of now, seven separate statewide issues appear headed for voter decision.

Being a good citizen by casting a ballot will not be an easy job this time around.

Attention will focus, as it should, on the presidential choice between Democrat President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney at the head of the ticket.

In reality, we will be voting for presidential electors and not for the man who will be president. Our choices for presidential electors in turn will meet as the Electoral College for the actual election of either Mr. Obama or Mr. Romney.

Other federal, state and local offices will be chosen by voters ... and then there are the statewide ballot issues.

IN NUTSHELL form, and not in any particular order, here they are:

CASINOS - Increase the number of non-Indian casinos in Michigan, where we already have 25 casinos operating. The increase requires an amendment to the state constitution.

TAX VOTES - Require in the state constitution a two-thirds vote in both state

house and senate to raise state taxes. Presently it takes only a simple majority in each chamber.

PUBLIC POWER - Called "25 x 25", this amendment would require utilities to produce 25 percent of their power from renewable sources such as wind and solar power by 2025. Present law requires Michigan to generate 10 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2015.

RIGHT TO WORK - Protect collective bargaining rights in the state constitution, place a ban against a so-called right to work law, and change up to 80 other state laws.

HOME CARE - Guarantee in the constitution the right to collective bargaining for home health care workers, and regulate their safety and training.

NEW BRIDGE - Require voter approval before border crossings to Canada can be undertaken, thus sidetracking the agreement Gov. Rick Snyder made with Canada for a new international bridge.

EMERGENCY MANAGER - Repeal this year's law giving broad powers to governor-appointed managers when cities, school districts and other local units face financial emergencies, and revert to a 2008 law with less power to the manager.

Petitions with more than 200,000 signatures to rein in emergency managers were rejected by the State Board of Canvassers based on the size of type on the petitions, but the questions of type size and intent are now before the State Supreme Court, which

could rule either way, so instead of seven, there could be six ballot questions.

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ALL OF THESE proposals have their staunch supporters, of course.

All of the constitutional amendments require about 350,000 signatures, and most of the supporters filed from 450,000 to 650,000 petitions, both to be safe in numbers and to indicate strength and voter support.

A question arises in my mind: How many of the 450,000 to 650,000 folks on the petitions signed more than one? Rough arithmetic shows six petitions with 500,000 to 650,000 signatures on each one means almost 4,000,000 signatures were gathered.

That's mind-boggling ... or maybe it's the same 600,000 people signing all the petitions.

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ANOTHER CHALLENGE for an interest group is to come up with a good name. Here are some of the groups involved in this year's ballot changing picture:

The People Should Decide ... Protect Our Jobs Coalition ... Stand Up For Democracy ... Citizens For Fiscal Responsibility ... Citizens For Affordable Quality Home Care ... GrowMI Jobs ... Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution ... Michigan Alliance For Prosperity ... Progress Michigan ... Keep Home Care a Safe Choice.

Heck, who wouldn't be proud to belong to

any of these groups, just by listening to their names.

As with so many other things, of course, the devil is in the details.

* * *

THE BIGGEST problem for me in considering these seven ballot proposals is that all but one of them are designed to write laws by amending the constitution.

It's the responsibility of the elected legislature to enact laws, and the governor to review and either accept or reject them. That's the way it should be done.

People at the polls, and the interest groups which promote the changes, should not be writing state laws dressed up as amendments to the constitution. That's the job of already elected state officials.

Once any idea gets imbedded in the state constitution, it's very difficult to change if the amendments don't work the way we thought they would.

If the average voter is uncertain or confused by the words and the causes and the study that's required to deliver prudent judgment on so many ballot questions, the best advice is the oldest advice:

Just vote "no" on all of them.

There must be an organization with a fancy sounding name pushing that idea, too.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Letters to the Editor

Thank God for Camp Grayling

To the editor:

This is in response to David Miller's letter in the July 5 edition of the Avalanche stating "Camp Grayling has become a major nuisance." Knowingly, everyone has right to their opinion. I have a "major" difference in mine. The nuisance results from all the imports that move up north and then constantly complain about the noise.

I do not understand the mentality of those who choose to move here or a surrounding area knowing that Camp Grayling is here, and has been operating successfully for decades, nearly 100 years. Now they expect to change all the dynamics. I don't think so. That's like moving next to a busy commercial airport and insist they re-route all of the incoming and outgoing flights because of the noise.

Thank God for Camp

Grayling and every other military training base in our country. We should all be so thankful for the rigorous supervised training, day and night that our men and women soldiers receive. They continue on to fight and keep our great country safe, giving all of us a place to call home - anywhere that makes us happy. Perhaps you have not given a thought to how stressful it is for our troops to conduct 24-hour field operations, firing live ammunition, getting ready for the real battlefield. Then putting themselves in harms way 24/7, all to protect us back home. You must know that the enemy does not care if it's dark or it's your birthday party or you want to sleep. They do not lay down their arms for any reason. That's the reason our troops need all of the night training possible.

We've had family mem-

bers in the military since World War II, then Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Afghanistan. Fortunately, all were trained in some military base. No family deaths but some long term disabilities still present.

How good would it make you feel to spend the energy needed to complain, to use instead by giving thanks every day to those that sacrifice so much - their lives, their families, life time disabilities, job loss, home loss, etc. Many will never again know the good, happy life they one had. Just lending an ear or a helping hand to those in need is a great gift.

I guess the ultimate alternative for you would be to move from the area. All of this reminds me of the old adage: "Don't bite the hand that feeds you."

Marion Shirley
Grayling

Facility sometimes needs to make noise

To the editor:

This is in response to David Miller's concern over the noise at Camp Grayling published on July 5. Thirty-two years ago, I moved to our family property eight miles south of Grayling. I was aware that Camp Grayling was just up the road. I was also aware that it could get noisy sometimes. I didn't have to move here, I chose to.

Camp Grayling is a training facility that sometimes needs to make noise to train men and women to protect our state and country. The National Guard is there when our state, other states, or the United States needs them and they need to be trained to do the job to the best of their ability, hence the noise. Yes, I know sometimes it rattles my windows, but if you choose to live here, you must

adapt.

Camp Grayling not only trains people to protect us and help us in times of disasters, it also offers many local jobs and is a boost to the local economy. Unless one is a five-star general, I don't think he or she has the power to change how the training is performed at Camp Grayling.

Jeanne Kibby
Roscommon

I step out on my deck and salute them

To the editor:

With regard to Mrs. Lovells letter of last week, may I add my two cents worth?

Yes, the "Guard" will be here 100 years next year. I agree with her feelings completely.

I live in "downtown" Lovells, just outside the eastern boundary of the guard's

firing ranges, just about 15 miles east of the aerial practice bombing range. The artillery fires from just inside the eastern boundary towards the practice bombing range, I believe. Sometimes the jets flare to the west after their bombing run sometimes to the east.

When they come east, quite often they fly right over

my home, "full throttle" and when this happens, as a WWII Navy Vet, I step out onto my deck and salute them and say "practice well boys and girls, practice hard and well," then I add, "God, look after and protect them, they are ours."

Ed Mullin
Lovells

Frustrated with the trail systems

To the editor:

I, like so many people who come up to the Grayling area for vacationing purposes are frustrated with the trail systems and the inability to ride our quads on the trails.

My property is located right next to a trail system off of 4 Mile Rd. All day long we watch as motorcycles, jeeps and even four wheel drive trucks take off down the trails but still, quads are not allowed. This makes little sense to me.

Quads could provide such an influx of revenue into the Grayling economy. Quads can be used 8-9 months out of the year. We need places to buy our gas, eat our meals and visit local attractions. Why ignore this revenue? Why not embrace it and become a leader in the state of Michigan with all quad friendly trails? People would travel from all around to this area. I have posed this question to several people of

authority and have heard a variety of answers.

I believe it boils down to who pays to maintain the trail systems. I am one family and we own a total of five quads!

I am willing to pay an extra licensing fee or tax if it meant my family and friends could enjoy riding on the trails.

Why not combine the snowmobile and quad licensing fees to help make Michigan's trail systems the place to ride, statewide. In a down economy, it seems senseless to turn down an opportunity to create revenue, jobs and fun for all involved.

Opening up the roads to travel into town was the first step. Hopefully, this will lead to more changes and allow all quad riders to enjoy the Grayling area and its beautiful trail systems.

Chris Nagy
Grayling

Amazing what \$5 can buy

To the editor:

If you were 17 or younger it cost \$5 to enter the Lake Margrethe Young Angler Fishing Derby sponsored by Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA). The event was held June 9, the same weekend as the DNR Free Fishing Weekend.

The \$5 fee (free to LMPOA members) got you a free T-shirt, a hot dog (or two), a soft drink (or two) donuts, chips and a chance to win a ribbon and a prize for catching a winning fish in your age group, in any seven different categories.

All this on a beautiful, warm, sunny day, with no clouds in the blue sky and a nice breeze, plus the joy of fishing with family and friends. It just doesn't get any better than that.

The National Guard permitted use of their boat dock and beach, making it convenient to accommodate the nice group of youngsters that participated in the event.

It may be a bit early, but I am looking forward to next years Young Angler Derby on Lake Margrethe.

Harry Wojcik
Grayling

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Briefs

Viking band to hold car wash

The Grayling Viking Band will hold a car wash and bake sale at Glen's Market on Saturday, July 21, starting at 9 a.m.

COA to provide free dental care

On Friday, July 20, by appointment, the COA and the Michigan Coalition for Oral Health for the Aging will provide free preventative dental care. To be eligible for an appointment, seniors must be a Crawford County resident, be age 60 or over, have some natural teeth, and have not seen a dentist in the past 12 months. To see if you are eligible, call 348-7123. The S.A.F.E. Series - Heat Exhaustion Prevention will be Thursday, July 19 at 6 p.m.

Class reunion to be held

The Brew Crew of '82 class reunion will be held at the Archery Building at Hanson Hills at 6 p.m. on July 21. Class of 1981 and 1983 may join at 8 p.m.

AuSable wrestling to hold car wash

The AuSable Wrestling Association will hold a car wash (by donation) on July 21, noon at 7-Eleven.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Beaver, Beer and Banjo time in Lovells Township

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Lovells Township community will revive a long-time tradition again this weekend with a little bit of beaver.

Back in the 1960's, Lovells businessman, fly-tie and trapper Pat Harwood would save some beaver from the winter season. His wife Margie, now Margie Thomson, would prepare a beaver dinner and bring it to Roy Scott's Bar, which is now the Riverside Tavern, for the local townspeople to enjoy.

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, the Lovells Historical Society will hold its sixth annual Beaver, Beer and Banjo Dinner at the Riverside Tavern. The tavern is located at the corner of County Road 612 and F-97 in Lovells.

Free beaver barley stew, made by Dixie Dave of Birch Run, will be served along with fresh rolls. Beer and other beverages may be purchased from the tavern.

Music will be provided by banjo player Barry VanGuilder and his family. "Barry used to attend the original banjo dinner," said Glen A. Eberly, a member on the Lovells Historical Society's Board of Directors.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Anna Biernat Scholarship Fund, which goes to help a local college student. Biernat, who died in Nov. 2008 after a battle with cancer, was a Master Gardner who maintained the gardens at the Lovells Historical Museum. She was also the youth services/program director for the Crawford County Library System.

Area Events

Roscommon - Free concert at the Gazebo. Ernest Entertainment will perform at the Gazebo in front of the CRAF Center on July 25 at 7 p.m. The trio is a father, mother and son performing a variety of music for all ages. In case of inclement weather will be in the CRAF Center gym.



Wood Shaving Days at Hartwick Pines

Hartwick Pines to host annual Wood Shaving Days Festival

Hartwick Pines State Park will hold its annual Wood Shaving Days Festival on Saturday, July 21, and Sunday, July 22, at the Logging Museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy the sights, sounds, and scents of the historic steam powered sawmill cutting logs into pine boards, listen to traditional music, and enjoy the art of wood carving, wood burning and other woodcrafters. Also included at Wood Shaving Days are demonstrations by blacksmiths, weavers, and wool spinners and a historic surveying reenactment.

The Logging Museum is a field site of the Michigan Historical Museum and interprets the white pine logging era of 1840-1910. Wood Shaving Days is sponsored by the Friends of Hartwick Pines and all proceeds go towards the interpretive and educational programs at Hartwick Pines State Park.

For more information about Wood Shaving Days

or other programs at Hartwick Pines, call (989) 348-2537.

There is no charge for attending Wood Shaving Days, but a state park recreation passport is required for park entry.

Hartwick Pines State Park's historic programs are administered by the Michigan Historical Center, an agency within the Department of Natural Resources.

The Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, and accessible use and enjoyment of the state's environment, natural resources, and related economic interests for current and future generations. Learn more at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for July 15 of \$25 each; George McEvers, LD Norman, Shirley Hatch and Mel Moore.

Grayling Lions Club

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The Parade will be held Saturday, July 28th, starting at 3 p.m. To register a float or group complete the application below and return to: Parade Committee, P.O. Box 10 Grayling, MI 49738 or pick up & drop off an application at Grayling Chamber.

Our theme this year will celebrate our Library's 10th Anniversary. Suggestions for floats & walking groups is to depict characters from your favorite books. Imagine a parade with characters from Harry Potter, Huckleberry Finn, Alice In Wonderland or Finding Nemo!

NO THROWING OF OBJECTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CANDY DURING THE PARADE. You may hand out candy or fliers on the sidewalk, out of the street.

AuSable River Festival Parade Application

Please fill out and return to the address above, by the deadline of **July 23, 2012.**

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Phone: _____ City & State: _____

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2012 Schedule of Events July 21st - July 29th

Monday, July 23rd
 - Sprint Race at the Grayling City Park
 - HUP ("Hurry Up & Paddle") Race 11 pm at the Grayling City Park
 - C-1 Express Race at the Grayling City Park
Tuesday, July 24th
 - HUP ("Hurry Up & Paddle") Race 11 pm at the Grayling City Park
 - Kids Day at the Grayling City Park
 - Dash for Cash in Osceola, Iowa
 - Chicken BBQ, Ice Cream Social at 4 pm - 6 pm at the Grayling Senior Center
Wednesday, July 25th
 - HUP ("Hurry Up & Paddle") Race 11 pm at the Grayling City Park
Thursday, July 26th
 - Marathon Coffee Break 9 am to 11 am on the lawn at Citizens' Bank
 - Grayling Farm Market (behind Xpress Copy) 4 pm - 8 pm
 - Business Relay Races 4:30 pm - 7 pm, starts at Penrod's and goes to Old AuSable Fly Shop
 - AuSable River C-1 Express Race at 7:15 pm at Penrod's and goes to Burton's Landing
Friday, July 27th
 - G.R.A.'s Annual 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run in town at the Middle School 9 am
 - Classic Car Show on Michigan Avenue at 8 am - 3 pm
 - Arts & Crafts Show at the Grayling City Park at 9 am - 6 pm
 - Food Court on Michigan Avenue 9 am - 6 pm
Saturday, July 28th
 - G.R.A.'s Annual 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run in town at the Middle School 9 am
 - Classic Car Show on Michigan Avenue at 8 am - 3 pm
 - Arts & Crafts Show at the Grayling City Park at 9 am - 6 pm
 - Food Court on Michigan Avenue 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday, July 29th
 - Black Bear Bicycle Tour beginning at 8 am on Michigan Ave in Grayling and ending in Osceola (100 mile ride)

65TH AuSable River Canoe Marathon Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 25th
 4 pm - 8 pm - Time Trials
 Sprints for starting position at Penrod's Canoe Livery
Thursday, July 26th
 4 pm - 8 pm - Time Trials
 Sprints for starting position at Penrod's Canoe Livery
Friday, July 27th
 10 am - 12 pm Meet & Greet Paddlers at Grayling Mini Mall (old Hometown Furniture Building)
 2 pm - 6 pm - Time Trials Sprints for starting position at Penrod's Canoe Livery
 4:30 pm - Special Olympics Canoe Races at Penrod's AuSable Canoe Livery
Saturday, July 28th
 Noon - Paddler's Pre-Race Briefing at Grayling Middle School - Spruce Street
 4:30 pm - Paddler's Mass at Saint Mary's Parish
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The Bible Speaks

God's Plan for Paul's Ministry

The pioneer ministry of Paul to Rome is stated in Romans 15:20: "20Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation." Paul stated the same missions policy in 2 Corinthians 10:13-16: "13But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. 14For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ: 15Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, 16To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand."

The prophecy of ministry to the gentiles is quoted by Paul in Romans 15:21: "21But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand." This Messianic prophecy is stated in Isaiah 52:15: "15So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider." Again in Isaiah 65:1: "11I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name." Paul's ministry was to the uncircumcision or gentiles as Peter's ministry was to the circumcision or Jews as stated in Galatians 2:6-9

The previous prevention of Paul's ministry to Rome was the completion or fulfillment of his ministry elsewhere to other gentiles. "22For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you." (Romans 15:22). This is stated in Acts 19:21: "21After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome." The Lord also told Paul this in Acts 23:11: "11And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome."

The place for Paul's ministry to Rome is stated in Romans 15:23: "23But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you." As Paul had written in Romans 1:10: "10Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you."

The plans for Paul's ministry to Rome is stated in Romans 15:24: "24Whosoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company."

Paul being falsely charged by the Jews appealed to Caesar, (Acts 25:1-12), and was sent to Rome as a prisoner, (Acts 28:16). God used him to minister two full years at Rome." (Acts 28:30,31). Pastor "B"

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Obituaries



David Denholm

David Eric Denholm, born June 15, 1985, went home to be with his Lord after an eight year battle with Hodgkins' Lymphoma on Wednesday, July 4, 2012.

David was passionate, fun loving, and zealous about souls including teenagers. Some of his passions were sports, football, teen ministry, family and his wife, Gloria.

All through his battle with cancer he had a way of making people laugh and smile, creating joy through his pain. David was very gifted and used his talents for the benefit of others and the furtherance of God's kingdom. David's burning desire was to help people know God's saving grace.

He graduated from Grace Baptist Christian School in 2004 and graduated from Grace Baptist College with a degree in Pastoral Theology.

He was very active in the community and thoroughly enjoying interacting in teen outreach programs and coaching Football at Gaylord High School.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gloria; unborn baby girl, Juliana Miracle; father, Craig; and step-mother, Sue Denholm; mother, Diane Denholm; brother, Kyle (Kendra) Denholm; nephew, Hamish; niece, Brianna; step-brother, Brian Soper; step-sister, Lori (Darryl) Lipinski; and Corbin and Lena.

A home going service was held Friday, July 13, at 11 a.m. at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church. The family received friends at the church Friday beginning at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, David requested that donations be made to his unborn baby girl, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Friends may offer their condolences online at www.nelsonfuneralhome.com.

Lowell Bindschatel

Lowell Burr Bindschatel, 79, of Frederic, passed away on Saturday July 14, 2012.

He was born in Frederic, on April 6, 1933, a son of the late Marian (Burr) and George Bindschatel.

Lowell served in the US Army.

He married Nancy Lee Getchel on September 1, 1956. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and going "jeepin" in the woods.

Lowell is survived by his wife, Nancy; sons, Lowell (Kristinia) Bindschatel, of Kentucky; Warren (Christina) Bindschatel, of Roscommon; grandchildren: Kaitlin, Kylie, Warren, Eli and Blake; and brother, Murray (Yvonne) Bindschatel.

He was preceded in death by parents; four brothers; and a sister.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Jackie Steere

Jackie (Schmitt) Steere, passed away on January 13, 2012.

Jackie retired after a long and successful career with Chrysler.

She was the dearest mother of Kelsey; and loving wife of Jim.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, John.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Township.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family online at www.wasikfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Walker

Nancy Marie (nee LaFave) Walker, age 54, of Grayling Township, died July 6, 2012 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

A Life Celebration was held July 14 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Roscommon.

Memorials may be made to G.R.A.C.E Center, P.O. Box 561, Grayling, MI 49738. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Library News

Teens and tweens can "Own the Night" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, July 20 at 6 p.m. Expose the skeletons in your closet at this summer reading program that includes teenealogy, crafts and snacks. Call Miss Connie at 989-348-9214 for additional information.

Families can join us at the Frederic Community Library for a "Dream Big - READ!" summer reading program on Saturday, July 21 at 11 a.m. Enjoy some fun in Frederic with stories, crafts and snacks, too. For more information call 989-348-4067.

Meet hometown author Kevin Garrity with the debut of his first novel "Sparrow River" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 24 at 6 p.m. Kevin's book is based on a northern Michigan town with a canoe marathon...sound familiar? Join the author for an evening of great literature, friends and refresh-

ments. Books available for purchase. Call Jane at 989-348-9214 for more information.

What could be better than sitting around the campfire, listening to great stories and eating s'mores? How about seeing world renowned children's author Jeffery Schatzer! Join him at the BIG conclusion to our summer reading program at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, July 26 at 12 noon. "Dream Big - READ!" at a fun family program that includes campfire tales, hot dogs, s'mores and the grand prize drawing.

Calling all artists! Devereaux Memorial Library is inviting interested artisans to participate in our Annual Art Show on Thursday, Aug. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. Display your creative works and pass your knowledge and skills on to the community. If you would like to be part of this event call Jane at 989-348-9214.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all the people who donated time, money, and materials for the Prosser/Golnick benefit spaghetti dinner. We raised more than \$18,000 for the two families. Community support was overwhelming. Thank you.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, July 20 - Lunch - chicken cordon bleu, boiled potatoes, asparagus and a banana. No Dinner. Senior Dental Day - appointment required, 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool- 9 Ball.

Monday, July 23 - Lunch - chicken tenders, scalloped potatoes, green beans and an orange. Dinner - spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, cauliflower, breadstick and an apple. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hearing Clinic, 2:30 p.m. Bunco, Raffle tickets sale starts.

Tuesday, July 24 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts, green beans and fruit cocktail. Ice Cream Social - BBQ chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, watermelon and

assorted desserts. 9 a.m. COA building meeting, 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 11 a.m. Clogging, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Foot Clinic - appointment required, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. BBQ chicken/Ice Cream Social.

Wednesday, July 25 - Lunch - bratwurst on a bun, green beans, carrots and peaches. Dinner - baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, Italian blend vegetables, pineapple and chocolate chip muffins. 1 p.m. pool- Ball in Hand, league, Wii Bowling and Mahjong. 5:30 p.m. Karaoke.

Thursday, May 31 - Lunch - porcupine meatballs, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wax beans, banana and a cookie. Dinner - pork chop, boiled redskins, peas, and applesauce. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokemo, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, UnLucky 7's.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period July 26-Aug. 1 will be as follows:

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The 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), July 26-28 and Aug. 1.

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), July 26-27 and July 30-Aug. 1.

The 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, July 26-30.

In addition, the following roads will be closed July 26-30: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Wakeley Bridge Road; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road; Stephen Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road; and Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

Note: military fixed wing activity utilizing the Grayling Army Airfield will increase.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

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Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 118 complaints the week of July 9 - July 15.

One suicide, 25 non-criminal complaints, one intercept, one trees brush grass fire, one delinquent minors, eight false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct second degree-forcible contact, three assault and batteries/simple assaults, one aggravated assault-non-family-other weapon, one burglary/home invasion, one burglary-forced entry-residence, one larceny-personal property from vehicle, two larcenies-other, one marijuana-possession, six disorderly conduct complaints, nine public

peace/disorderly complaints, two public peace complaints, two operating while intoxicated complaints, one portable signal preemption device, five health and safety complaints, one runaway, four miscellaneous arrests, six traffic accidents, one traffic violations-civil infraction, four hazardous conditions, two accidents-all other, one inspection-motor vehicle-vin, seven investigations-family trouble, 17 suspicious situations, one lost and found property and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the Golnick family, we would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and generous donations to help our daughter, Shelby in her healing process. Thank you to Mercy Hospital, Dr. Hunter, MMR and their wonderful staff, Munson Medical staff and Crawford County Sheriff Deputies, Shawn Schnoor and John Klepadlo for their quick response and care, concern and kindness they showed for Shelby and her loved ones.

Our family would also like to thank Aleshia

Hoover and Kim Allen for organizing and selling T-shirts to support the girls and their families. A special thanks to Erin Krabill and her friends for organizing the benefit spaghetti dinner.

To all the community members and businesses that donated and helped at the dinner, words cannot express how grateful we are. The outpouring of support in this small community has been truly amazing!

Keep the prayers coming for the girls and thank you again!

The Golnick family

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Christian comics compiled into paperback anthology

A local comic strip has gone from paper to paperback.

Many local adults grew up reading local cartoonist Kurt J. Kolka's free newspaper comic, "Cardinal Adventures," which was distributed across northern Michigan from 1990-2006.

Now, Lamp Post Inc. has released a collection of Kolka's stories, both old and new, in a 250-page paperback anthology.

Kolka will be signing copies of "The Cardinal

Adventures," his first book, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4 at Saturn Booksellers, 133 W. Main St. in downtown Gaylord.

Kolka's original publication was sponsored by local businesses and churches. Its stories dealt with current events issues such as homelessness, bullying, running away from home and discrimination, among other topics.

Kolka grew up in Grayling, graduating from

Grayling High School in 1978. Today, he lives in Gaylord and works for a local newspaper.

"The Cardinal" currently

appears online at www.gocomics.com/thecardinal and in various other publications.

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Thank you so much! To the person that found my little white purse last Friday, July 6 at Glen's

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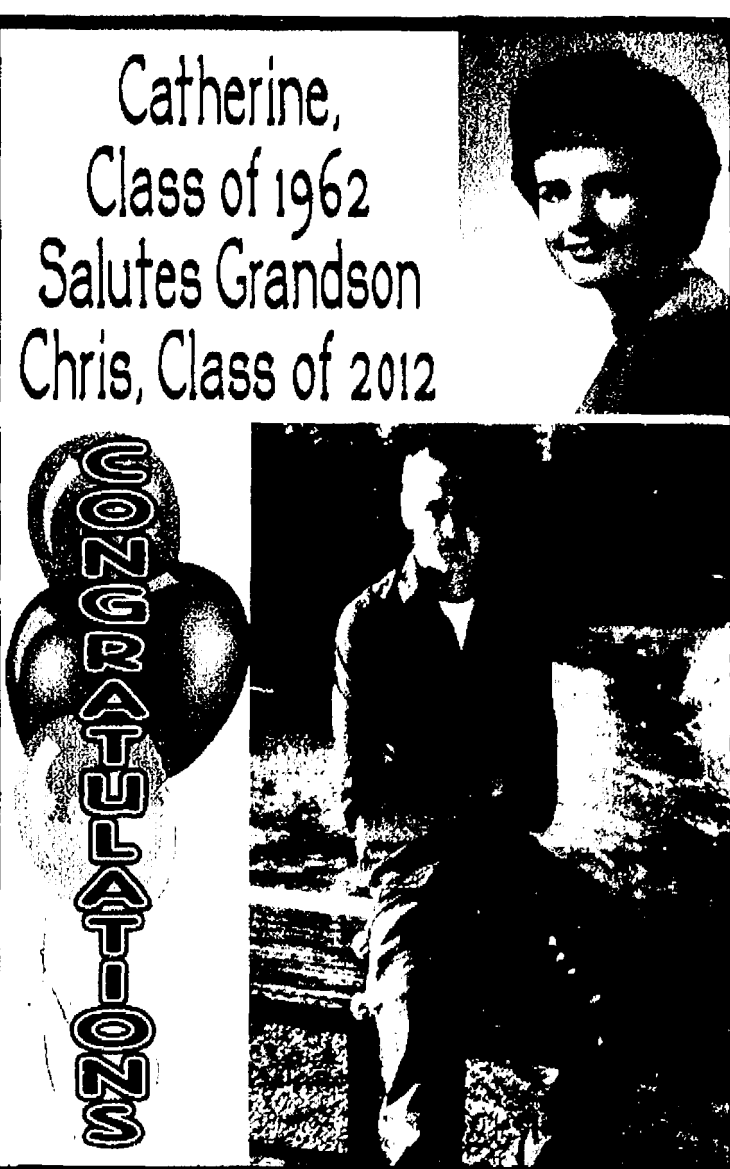
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A teen driver and his father were injured in an accident on I-75 Saturday afternoon after side swiping another vehicle, rolling over and striking a tree.

MEN INJURED AFTER I-75 ROLLOVER CRASH

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A teen driver and his father were injured in an

accident after side swiping another vehicle, rolling over and striking a tree.

Crawford County Sheriff

Kirk A. Wakefield said deputies responded to southbound I-75 near the 266-mile marker in Maple Forrest Township at 2:37 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 for a rollover accident.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered that a SUV, driven by a 18-year-old male from Escanaba, had side swiped another vehicle in the fast lane, lost control, rolled multiple times and struck a tree. Both the driver and his 53-year-old

father were taken to Mercy Hospital Grayling for injuries sustained in the crash.

The driver of the other vehicle, a 48-year-old male from Alabama, and his passenger, a 33-year-old female from Alabama, were uninjured.

Police state that alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Frederic Township Fire Department and EMS.

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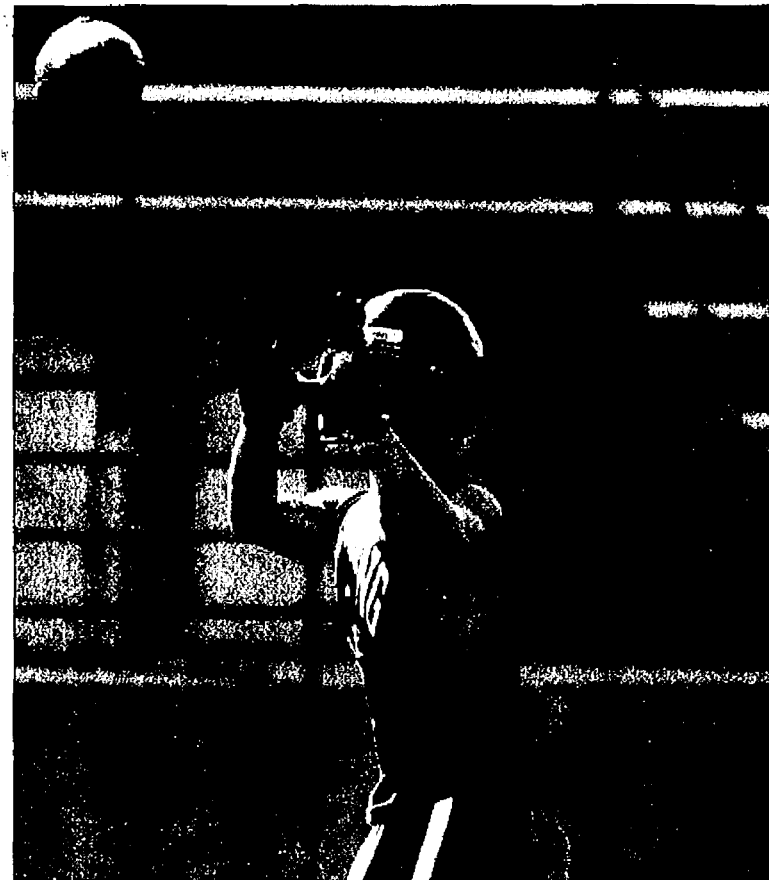
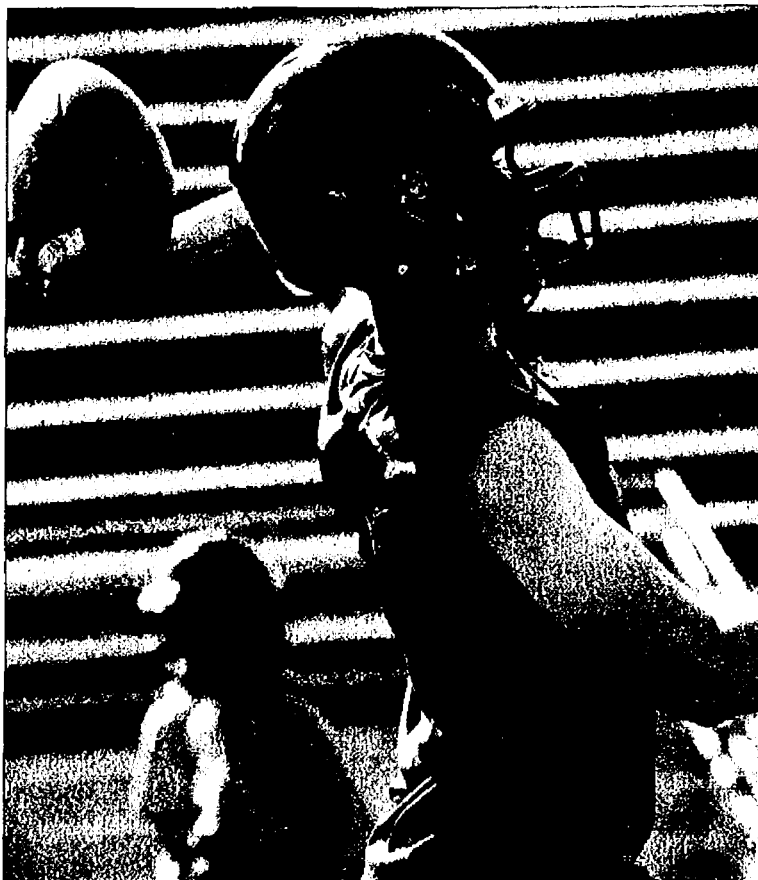
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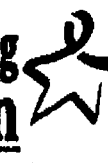
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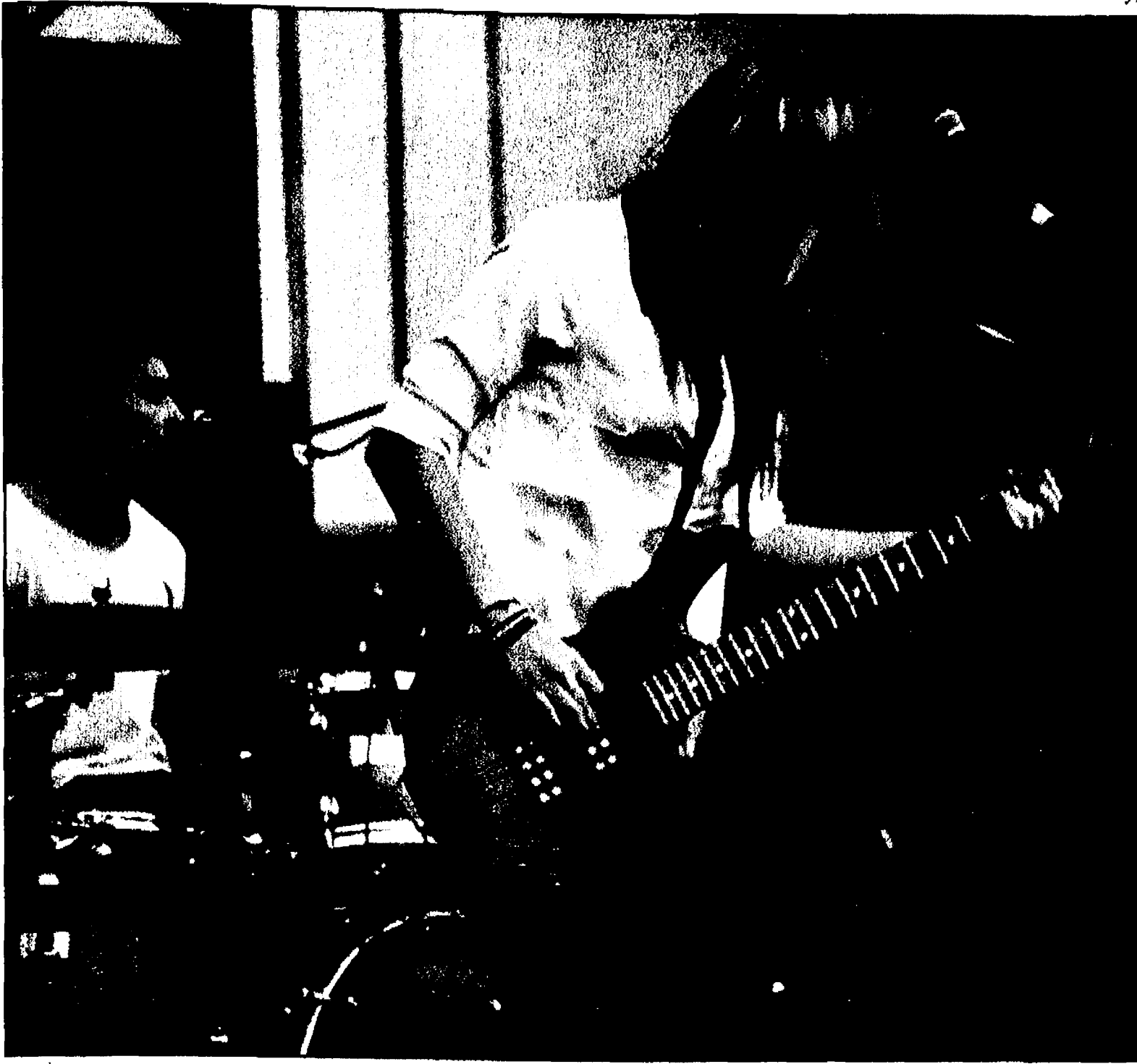
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Above, The Neighbors, featuring Frederic natives Adam and Rachel Kaiser, are returning to Grayling from Salt Lake City to perform at the Music Bash II.

Musicians will showcase their talents with Music Bash concerts

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A pair of concerts, featuring local and homegrown musical acts, will be held as part of AuSable River Festival activities.

The Music Bash, which will be held from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, will feature eight acts on Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling. The concert is being held the same day as the Spike's Challenge C-1 Race and qualifying sprint races.

The first Music Bash will include free concerts by Sidney, The Graces, The Melody Brothers, Hail Your Highness, Adam Hoppe, ByNow, Zeal For Days and

Nameless and Shameless.

Music Bash II will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, which is the day of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The concert will include seven acts.

The Neighbors, featuring Frederic natives Adam and Rachel Kaiser, are returning to the community from Salt Lake City to perform at the Music Bash II.

The Neighbors will be performing at Music Bash II at 1 p.m. Other performers on the bill include The Graces, The Melody Brothers, Hail Your Highness, Radel and Distant Stars.

The Neighbors recently

opened for singer Christina Perri, best known for her debut hit song "Jar of Hearts," in Salt Lake City. Their song "One Life" is going to be made into a mini movie by Adam Gregory, who is best known for portraying "Thomas Forrester" from the soap opera the Bold and the Beautiful.

The Neighbors are writing and recording a new album that they are really excited about, which will be released later this year.

You can hear and watch their song and video "Motor Rollin'" on Facebook and through YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDLWwS8IOcg&feature=plcp>.

"Clairene Jorella, Stacey Rosin, and I have tried to get a good representation of different genres of music for both the concert dates that will be held during the AuSable River Festival," said Penny Kaiser, the mother of Adam and Rachel Kaiser. "We are really excited to have a platform to showcase many of the talented musician in our area."

Frederic High School Alumni reunion held

The Frederic High School Alumni Reunion was held on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Fifty-five alumni, class mates, spouses and friends convened at the Frederic Community Center (formerly Frederic Elementary School) for the annual reunion.

Several new time and first time attendees joined us this year and hope they will continue to come. The Class of 1962 was the honored class celebrating their 50th anniversary. Of a class of nine, four attended and received a gift and had the honor of cutting and serving the cake, made and decorated by Vice President Edna Kitchen.

The hall was festive in black and orange decorations (the school colors of FHS.) The evening was spent reminiscing and reacquainting with class mates and friends and a delicious meal was served by the Frederic Inn.

Several gifts were given out by drawing names from the dinner cards. These gifts were chosen and donated by committee member Alma Mitchell, who is owed a big thank you.

A brief business meeting was held after the meal and everyone was thanked for coming by President Fred Allen and we hope to see you all again next year. The reunion date is the last Saturday in June each year.

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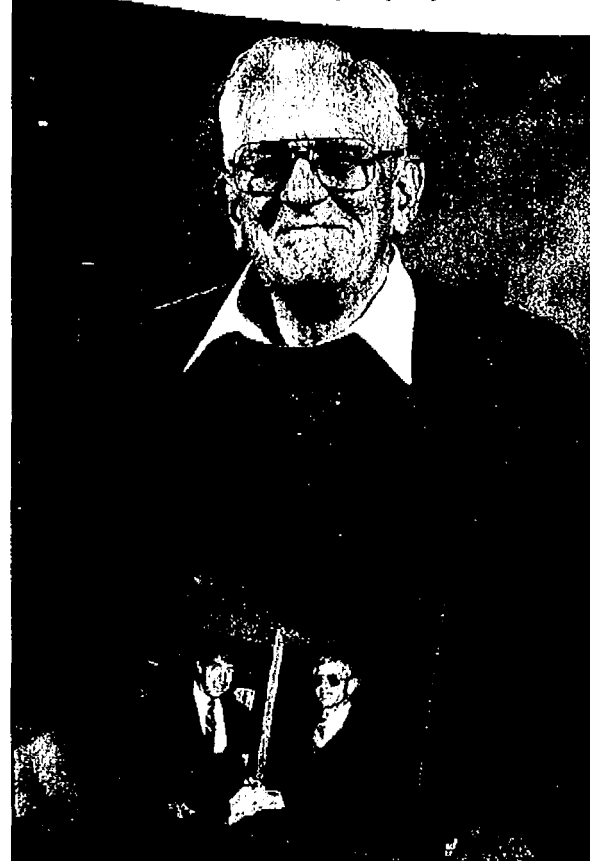
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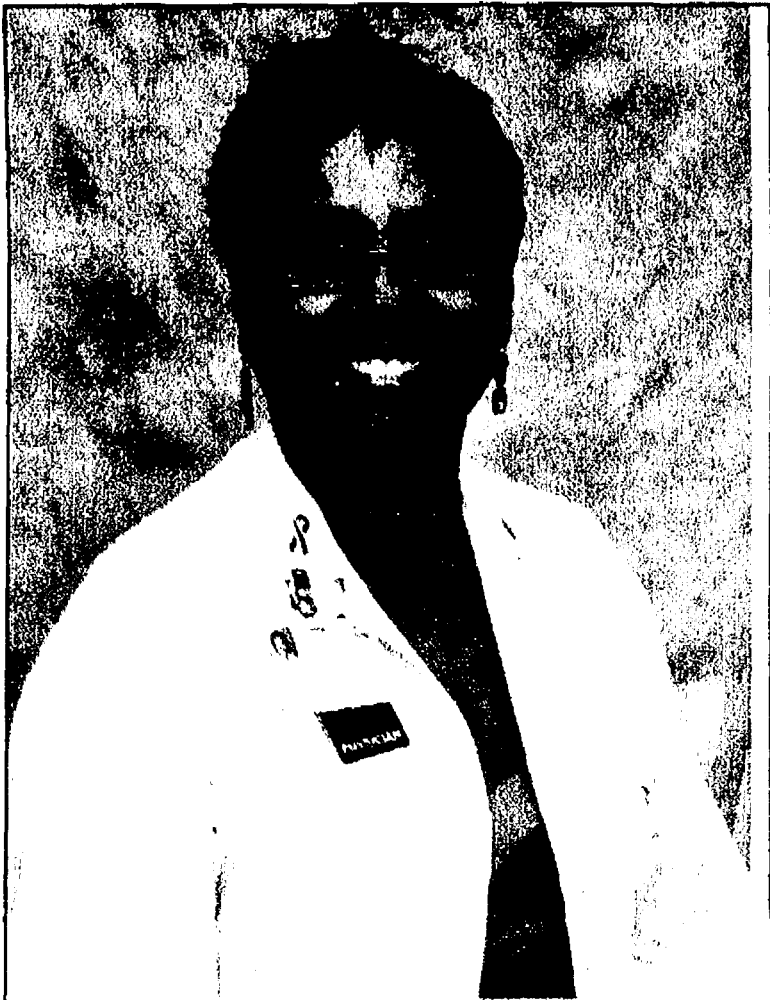
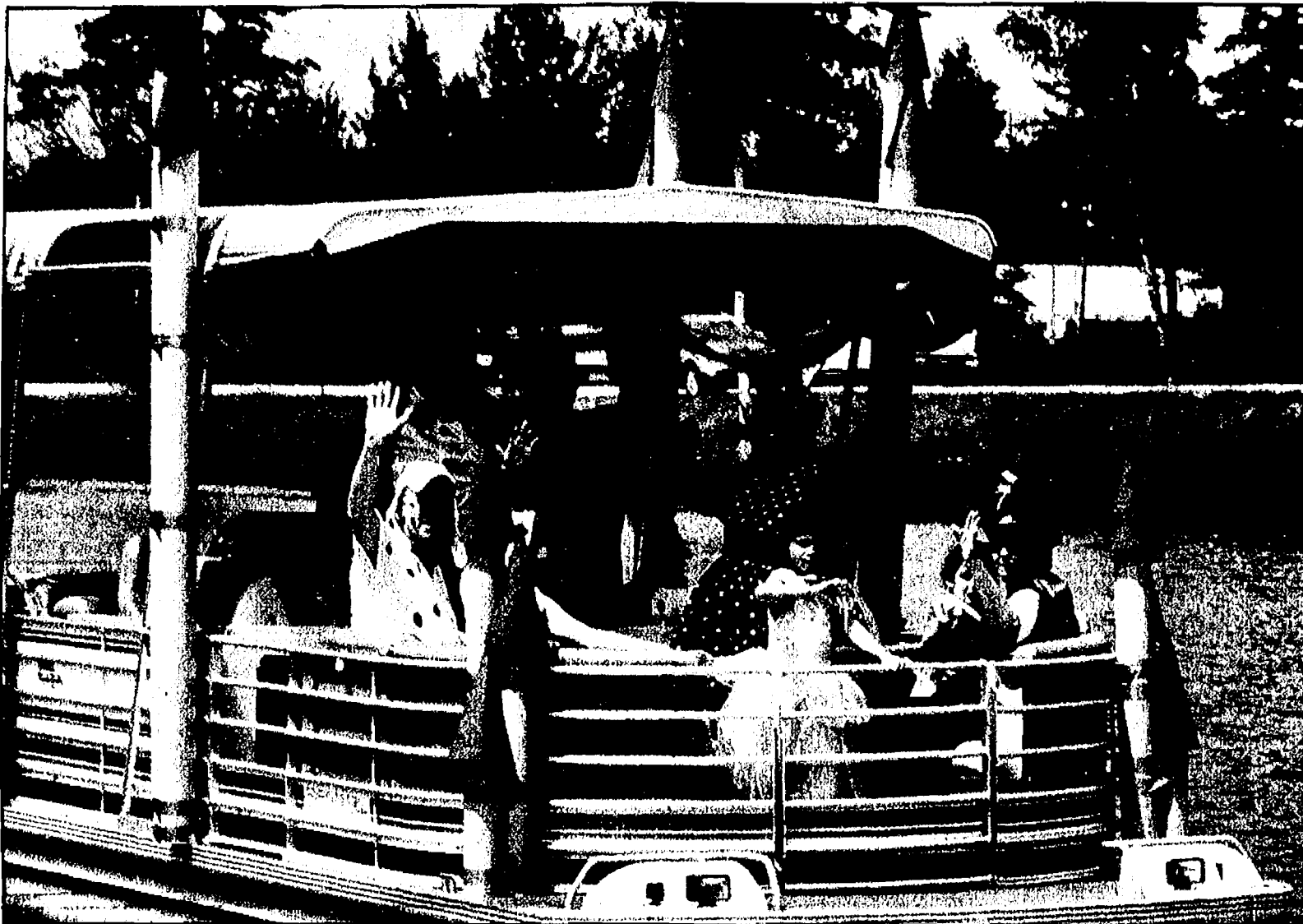
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Boats parade around Lake Margrethe for Fourth of July




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The Lake Margrethe Property Owner's Association held its Fourth of July Boat Parade on the lake. Twenty-two boats were judged for creativity and presentation. Above left, the first place winner was a banana plantation boat decorated by Tim and Olie Miller. Above right, the second place winner was a Hawaiian themed boat decorated by Tracy Harper, Loni Krafft and Terrie Rowland. Below, the third place Magic Kingdom boat was decorated by Jan Hunt and Cindy Herron. About 50 boats participated in the one lap around the lake for the boat parade. Many more people enjoyed the parade from the shore and helped cheer on the participants. The event was organized by Doug Dodge, and Judge Alton T. Davis, with the help of his team, selected the boat parade winners.



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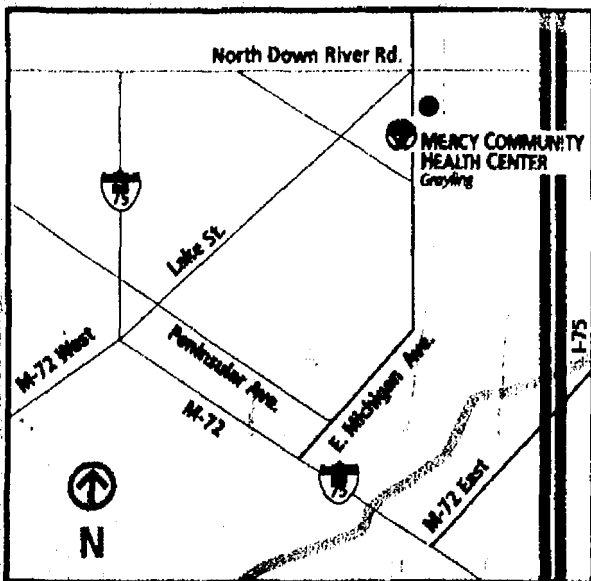
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Organizers expecting fewer teams for AuSable Marathon

69 duos were signed up as of Thursday, July 12

Andrew Triebold, who's won the AuSable Marathon four consecutive times with Steve Lajoie, lifts the front of their canoe during the Cooke Dam portage last year.



by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

More than 70 paddling teams are expected for this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon, a 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda that's in its 65th year.

So far, as of Thursday, June 12, 69 teams were registered for the 2012 AuSable Marathon, according to the event's official website. The record for most AuSable Marathon teams was established in 2010, a year in which 94 duos started the race. Last year, 90 paddling teams started the AuSable Marathon.

This year's event will likely fall short of the recent record numbers of competitors.

"Optimistically, I'd like to think we could expect 70 to 80 teams to enter this year. Realistically, however, we're more likely to have 60 to 70 teams. Participation in canoe racing has dipped a little bit across Michigan this year due to various reasons. I think in the next few years we should see another spike in entries back to the 80-90 range," said Ryan Matthews, AuSable Marathon record keeper and member of the Oscoda marathon committee.

The race features several portages and 15 timing checkpoints, including the finish line at Oscoda. Teams will complete the race in approximately 14 to 19 hours, paddling all night and morning after a 9 p.m. start on Saturday.

AuSable Marathon competitors typically train for dozens of hours, pad-

dling on rivers and lakes, to get ready for the race.

Steve Lajoie, who's won the AuSable Marathon five times, including the last four in a row, said his training routine includes many hours of paddling and running. He canoes six times a week, "between 12 to 25 hours a week depending on races," and he runs "four to five times a week, three to seven kilometers, sometimes more," Lajoie said.

"Trying to train in all conditions, but I mainly train on a river with shallows and suck water," Lajoie said.

Wesley Dean, who competed in the AuSable Marathon for the first time last year, finishing 55th with his brother, Spencer Dean, said they had approximately 150 training hours last year and they're on track for a similar number this year.

"Last year, five to seven days a week, anywhere from one to three hours a day, plus an occasional four- to six-hour training run every two weeks," Dean said. "It's a time consuming sport but the training is awesome. Paddling at night or catching a sunset on the lake is an awesome experience."

"We finished the year with 150 hours of training prior to the (2011) marathon. Most paddlers get from 100 to 200 hours or even more if they paddle all winter," Dean said. "We trained on the AuSable and Lake Margrethe for the most part."

It took them almost 18 hours to complete the race, but Dean said it didn't feel like a long time.

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DASH FOR CASH

Paddlers to battle for prizes in bracket-style race in Oscoda

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Paddlers will battle for part of a \$5,000 prize purse during the second annual Dash For Cash – a single-elimination bracket-style race added to the AuSable River Canoe Marathon event list in 2011 – on Tuesday, July 24, in Oscoda.

Each Dash For Cash sprint – one team vs. another, one on one – takes less than two minutes. Last year's times ranged from 1:12 to 1:30, approximately.

The event will start at 3 p.m. this year.

"The Dash For Cash was a hit. Paddlers and fans had a blast," Justin Griffith, chairman of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee in Oscoda, said of last year's event. "The contestants

were all able to watch the championship sprint to the finish. We had 36 teams last year and expect to have 50-plus this year, hopefully filling it at 64."

Steve Lajoie, who's won the AuSable River Canoe Marathon five times, including four in a row (2008 through 2011), won last year's Dash For Cash event with Nick Walton.

"Good challenge, well organize," Lajoie said of the event. "It good to see a straight and short sprint because the result can be really different than the marathon, but give a good idea of each team speed. Younger paddler can easily come up on top."

The AuSable Marathon Committee made a few adjustments to this year's Dash For

Cash. Last year, only AuSable Marathon competitors were eligible to participate. This year, anyone can. The cost to register is \$20 for those not signed up for the marathon, and – like last year – it is free for those that are in the marathon.

"Last year's (Dash For Cash) was only open to marathon contestants. This year it is open to non-marathon contestants," Griffith said. "Teams must use a racing style hull to enter the (Dash For Cash)."

The Dash For Cash is one more race during a busy nine-day stretch for marathon paddlers, a period that – for many of them – will include the Spike's Challenge C-2 race, the Spike's Challenge sprints, the Spike's Challenge C-1

race, the AuSable Marathon time trials, and the marathon itself. With the format of the Dash For Cash, a few sprints less than two minutes apiece, was it a welcome addition or was it overkill to add another racing event to the list?

"There was some discussion last year about having another race before the marathon and its effect on the racers," Griffith said. "A quote from (one of the paddlers): 'If you can't do this race before the marathon, you shouldn't be in the marathon.'"

Lisa Moggo, marathon volunteer and committee member, said the Dash For Cash is now one of her favorite parts of the race.

"It's exciting," Moggo said. "Every round is a close race and it keeps you on the edge of your seat

the whole time. It is a 2005 finish over and over."

(Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin edged Andrew Triebold and Matthew Rimer by one second for first place in the 2005 AuSable Marathon.)

Moggo said the Dash For Cash, as it grows, might generate more overall interest in the marathon from the Oscoda side of the event.

"Being a Grayling native living in Oscoda for the past few years I have seen the efforts of the two committees and the beginning of the Dash For Cash. I believe the Dash For Cash will inspire more people from the Oscoda area to try the marathon. It has also increased the support from local businesses and the amount of volunteers," Moggo said.

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AuSable Marathon sprint event slated for July 25-27

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Currently, the schedule for time trials looks like this: Wednesday, July 25, 4-8 p.m.; Thursday, July 26, 4-8 p.m.; Friday, July 27, 2-6 p.m.

At time trials – also known as sprints for starting position – all AuSable Marathon teams paddle a looped course that starts and ends at Penrod's. The first half involves paddling downstream and the teams return to the starting line paddling upstream. Teams generally finish their sprint somewhere between 5.5 minutes and 11 minutes.

Time trials usually provide a good forecast with regard to which teams will finish at the front, the back, or not at all during the 120-mile AuSable Marathon. Often, the top marathon teams finish well at sprints (between 5:30 and 6:00).

Last year, 12 of the top 15 teams at time trials also finished in the top 15 during



Spencer Dean and Wesley Dean start their sprint during last year's AuSable Marathon time trials event.

the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

In 2010, 10 of the top 13 teams at sprints also posted top-13 finishes in the AuSable Marathon. Six of the top seven sprint teams finished in the top seven during the 2009 marathon. In 2008, all of the top 13 teams at time trials finished in the AuSable Marathon's top 13.

In recent years, the fastest teams at sprints have had a high overall finish rate. In the last nine AuSable Marathons (2003 through 2011), 77 teams have posted sprint times under the 6:00 mark, and 68 of those have completed the race (88 percent). Among those 68 finishers, the lowest placement was 20th. Of the 77 teams to stay under 6:00 for their sprint, 58 of them (75 percent) went on to finish in the AuSable Marathon's top 10

that year.

Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie, a team that won the AuSable Marathon for the fourth consecutive time last year, had the best sprint time in 2011 (5:32.04, 21 seconds faster than the second place team). Triebold and Lajoie also posted the best sprint time in 2010 (5:35.82) and in 2009 (5:34.45).

The slowest teams at time trials rarely finish the marathon. From 2003 through 2011, 25 AuSable Marathon teams posted sprint times beyond the 10:00 mark, and only three of those (12 percent) finished the race (78th of 82 in 2010, 58th of 75 in 2009, and 47th of 58 in 2007). Last year, four teams went over the 10:00 mark at time trials and none reached the finish line during the marathon.

The finish rate for teams in the 9:00 to 10:00 sprint range from 2003 through 2011 is 56 percent (9 of 16). Last year, four teams posted sprint times in that range and two of them reached the finish line (65th and 67th of 69).

The three-day sprint event determines starting positions for Saturday's AuSable Marathon start. On race night, teams will line up with their canoes on Peninsular Avenue, five per row, according to their time trials results (first through fifth place sprint teams in the first row, sixth through 10th place sprint teams in the second row, etc.) and at 9 p.m. the competitors will run with their canoes to the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. The race ends in Oscoda 14 to 19 hours later.

Second edition of marathon cards should be available soon

Fans can vote online now for one of next year's cards

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Baseball cards. Football cards. Basketball. Hockey. Canoeing?

Yes, we now have paddler cards that feature photos and stats for a variety of AuSable River Canoe Marathon competitors, and more are on the way. The AuSable Marathon released the first edition of the cards last year, and the second

edition should be available for purchase soon.

Ryan Matthews, AuSable Marathon record keeper and member of the Oscoda marathon committee, created the cards last year. He hopes the cards will continue as an annual part of the marathon.

"The trading cards are the result of an idea I had while gathering paddlers' autographs at the 2007 marathon," Matthews said. "As a kid, I collected baseball, football, and hockey cards, so I couldn't help but think to myself, 'How cool would it be to get these paddlers' autographs on a card?'"

"As long as marathon fans continue to buy sets of cards, the trading cards will be an annual project. The plan is that the money raised from the sales of the cards from one year gets rolled over to pay for the creation of the next year's cards," Matthews said.

The marathon committee is giving fans an opportunity to vote on who will be featured on one of the cards. There are 10 names on the list for next year's cards and people can cast their votes right now at the marathon's official website: www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org.

Clark Kent – he's competed in the AuSable Marathon

15 times – won last year's online fan vote.

"You can find his card along with cards for Bruce Barton, Bob Bradford, Jack Kolka, Solomon Carriere, Carrie Montgomery, Butch Stockton, Steve Kolonich, Stan Hall, Allen Limberg, Colin Hunter, Josh Taylor, John Sullivan, the Memorial Monument, and four more paddlers that I've been asked to keep a secret until the cards are out for sale this year," Matthews said.

According to Matthews, each set has 18 cards in it and a limited number of sets are created.

"Each set contains 18 unique cards, and there are just 250 sets made for each edition, making them a bit of a collector's item. Only a small handful of the first edition sets are left, and I anticipate those will be sold out before the marathon (this year)," Matthews said.

Matthews expects the second edition to be available for sale after the Spike's Challenge, a series of races slated for July 21-22.

"Arrangements are being made to have sets available to purchase from the marathon race office in Grayling," Matthews said.

The first edition of the cards featured Connie Cannon, Serge Corbin, Steve Corlew, Kevin Curley, Mo Harwood, Rick Joy, Jeff Kolka, Ken Kolonich, Steve Lajoie, Matt Meersman, Matt Rimer, Tony Short, Frank Smutek, Matt Streib, Bill Torongo, Andrew Triebold, Al Widing Sr., and Lynne Witte, Matthews said.

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Feeder crews work on three different boats during the end of the Cooke Dam portage during last year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

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Pit crews provide food, support to paddlers during race

by Caleb Casey
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"I ate a lot of different things: noodles, Goldfish, boiled potatoes, muffins, pizza, gummies, a chicken sandwich, fruit, granola bars. Pizza was the best; it was good to get some real food after eating snacks for 10 hours," he said.

Steve Lajoie, five-time AuSable Marathon champi-

on, has a shorter list.

"Water, Gatorade, Perpetuem, fruits, and bars," he said.

Stephen Leppard – he'll be racing in the marathon for the third time this year – said the most unusual request he's had for his pit crew was "beef jerky. Salt to replace sodium lost with sweating and protein to settle stomach from all the sugary food (and) drinks."

Leppard said he mostly eats Clif Bars, GU, and peanut butter sandwiches during the marathon.

Brion Davis Thompson has been an AuSable Marathon feeder for several different paddlers, including Sean Casey, Jason Thompson, Jon Thompson, Ellen Thompson, and Karen Febey. One of the keys to being a feeder, she said, is to be ready for the "unexpected."

"Many paddlers stick with the same food every year: fruit, (peanut butter) sandwiches, Clif Bars, GU; however, there are the less ordinary. Like when feeding for Sean Casey. He always

had to have a cup of coffee and Hostess pie in the morning. Jason likes a cold Starbucks drink. You have to be ready and have things beyond what the paddlers want. Often they get tired of the same thing and by morning just want something different," Thompson said. "We carry Pedialyte and have found that to be almost like a magic potion for a worn out paddler. Coke, salty snacks, Twizzlers, even pizza. Usually, none of which was on the 'official' food list."

"The biggest challenges are the unexpected. Like when your team comes into a designated feed spot and needs something and you have no idea how you are going to make that happen with only dark river and woods between you and your next scheduled feed," Thompson said. "Staying awake can also be very hard."

Being a bank runner can be challenging; is it also fun?

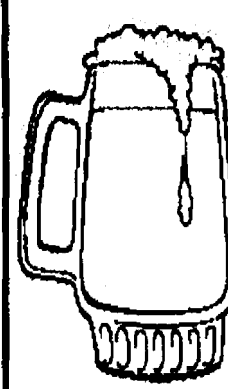
"The most fun is the craziness of a sport that

requires you to stand in the river, in the dark, launching plastic bags of food at a canoe you don't see coming. Also, laughing with the rest of your feed team. Seeing many people who you know only for 15-18 hours a year, but during those hours everyone is willing to help everyone else out," Thompson said.

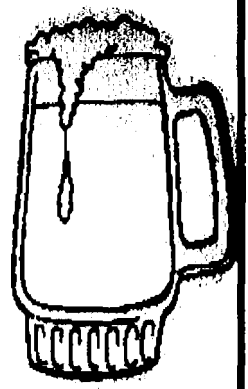
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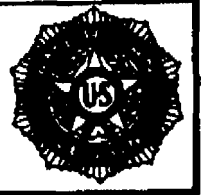
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Spike's Challenge races slated for this weekend

C-1, C-2 events to be held on Saturday, Sunday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

A weekend of canoe racing. The Spike's Challenge race series – a group of events that will include a C-1 race, kids' races, C-2 sprints, and a C-2 race – will be held this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22, at a variety of venues.

It will all begin on Saturday morning with the C-2 race's sprints for starting position, an event held at the city park. Sprints will start at 9 a.m. Teams will navigate a looped course – upstream first, then finish coming downstream, paddling under a railroad bridge twice – and times from the event will determine starting spots for Sunday's C-2 race. It's a race within a race, with most teams finishing in 4.5 to 7 minutes. Sprints start and end near the pedestrian bridge in the city park.

After the C-2 sprints, event organizers will conduct a series of kids' races at the city park, including a mentor race that pairs a young paddler with an experienced one.

The Spike's Challenge C-1 race – Borchers to Burton's Landing, with most paddlers finishing in 40 to 70 minutes – will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 21.

The C-1 (one-person canoe) race has averaged 50 participants in the last three

years, but event organizers are expecting fewer than that this year.

"I would expect about 35 or 40 (competitors) this year," said John Lucey, one of the Spike's Challenge organizers.

Lucey also expects fewer teams for the Spike's Challenge C-2 race, an event that will start at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 22, at the Old AuSable Fly Shop.

"The Michigan race circuit has seen a dip in competitors this year, although

60 or more teams is still a lot. Many of the out of state marathon teams and their feeders will compete in this race, so it would not be unreasonable to see 70 teams," Lucey said.

The C-2 race gives paddlers, feeders, and spectators a look at the first part of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's course during daylight hours. Teams usually reach the finish line at McMasters Bridge in 2.5 to 4 hours.

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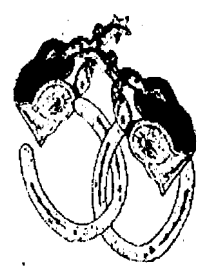
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicholas T. Harmer, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 2, 2009, and recorded on October 14, 2009 in Liber 697 on Page 735, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven and 32/100 Dollars (\$51,937.32).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 15, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, along the North Section line, 969.18 feet (recorded as 967.55 feet) to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, 352.87 feet (recorded as 353.65 feet) to the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said West 1/8 line, South 01 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West, 46.19 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds West, 333.64 feet; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds West, 176.11 feet to the Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail; thence 185.92 feet along said Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail on the arc of a 238.38 foot radius curve to the left, said curve having a chord of North 42 degrees 24 minutes 10 seconds West 181.25 feet; thence 82.05 feet along said Easterly right of way on the arc of a 75.00 foot radius curve to the right, said curve having a long chord of North 32 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds West, 78.02 feet; thence along said Easterly right of way North 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, 124.91 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing North 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West 48.91 feet to the North line of said Section 2 and the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO the right of way of May Lake Road over the Northerly portion thereof. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a 24 foot wide ingress and egress easement lying 12 feet on each side of, parallel with, and adjacent to a centerline described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, along the North line said section, 969.17 feet to the East line of Chickasaw trail as shown on the plat of, Indian Wood, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records; thence South 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds East, along the East line of Chickasaw Trail 170.59 feet to the Point of Beginning of said 24 foot easement; thence 73.43 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve

having a radius of 200.00 feet, delta angle of 21 degrees 02 minutes 11 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 44 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds East 73.02 feet; thence 104.76 feet along the arc of a reverse curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 253.22 feet, delta angle of 23 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 42 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East 104.01 feet to a point on the East line of Chickasaw Trail and Point of Ending of centerline of said 24 foot Easement the side lines of the described 24 foot wide easement are to be lengthened and shortened as necessary to commence and terminate on the East line of the plat of Chickasaw Trail.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ron Thomson and Rhonda Thomson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2004, and recorded on July 20, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 186, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on November 4, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 294, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on March 7, 2006 in Liber 680 on Page 112, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two and 40/100 Dollars (\$223,742.40).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 8, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28 and part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 27, and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of Section 27, 1329.75 feet to the West 1/8 line; Thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 01 second West along West 1/8 line 1930.12 feet; Thence South 69 degrees 52 minutes 13 seconds West 1406.18 feet along the Southerly line of lots 149 through 158 of Plats, of Ausable Woods No. 5, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records; Thence South 27 degrees 26 min-

utes 11 seconds East 557.00 feet to the point of beginning of land here-in described; Thence South 27 degrees 26 minutes 11 East 169.01 feet to the Northeasterly corner of Lot 182 of said Plat of Ausable Woods No. 5; Thence South 52 degrees 56 minutes 49 seconds West 300.00 feet to the Northeasterly corner of Lot 180; Thence North 37 degrees 03 minutes 11 seconds West 437.39 feet to a point in the centerline of an existing Trail Road; Thence North 45 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East along the centerline of said Trail Road 201.48 feet; Thence South 60 degrees 26 minutes 33 seconds East and departing from said Trail Road 323.64 feet to the point of beginning. Also the use of and subject to a 66.00 foot Easement for Ingress and Egress whose centerline is the centerline of the existing Trail Road through the West 1/2 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 27 and the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgage made by MICHAEL D. DREASKY, a single man and KAY M. OSOWSKI, a single woman (now believed to be married) of 5925 SUZANNE AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, with its Office being located at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120, the Mortgagee, the Mortgage being dated September 8, 1994, and recorded September 8, 1994, in Liber 383, Pages 347-350 in Crawford County Records, and re-recorded October 12, 1994 in Liber 384, Pages 535-538 to reflect assumption of mortgage, and the borrower having assumed a mortgage between Nanette Phillips and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, the Mortgage being dated August 9, 1989 and recorded August 9, 1989, in Liber 300, Pages 405-408, Crawford County Records, such Mortgages being given to secure Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgages due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgages there is claimed to be due as of July 5, 2012, for principal, interest and other charges, the sum of FORTY SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED, THIRTY-TWO AND 87/100 (\$46,332.87) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgages, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgages have become operative; Now, Therefore, Notice is Herby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgages and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgages will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary,

at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Courthouse at 200 W. Michigan Ave., in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgages together with 8.0% interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgages are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan and are described as: PARCEL NO. 1: LOT 5, TIMBER-RIDGE ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 03, Crawford County Records. AND PARCEL NO. 2: Part of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Sec. 31, T27N, R3W, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of said Sec. 31, thence North (along the Sec. line), 256 feet, thence East 260 feet to the P.O.B.; thence continuing East 260 feet, thence North 160 feet, thence West 260 feet, thence South 160 feet with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, Foreclosure Centralization Initiative, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120, telephone (800) 349-5097 ext. 4500. Dated: Thursday, July 5, 2012 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee Michael I. Conlon (P43954) Running, Wise, Ford, P.L.C. 326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686 Traverse City, MI 49685-0686 (07-05)(07-26)

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James A. Rinke and Betty D. Rinke, unmarried, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2006, and recorded on September 5, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 958, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Sixty-Three and 02/100 Dollars (\$21,063.02).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 8, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the North 1/4 of the South 2/3 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying East of the County Road.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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July 20, 1989 - There are plenty of hot dogs driving around these days, but none as big as the Oscar Meyer Weiner-Mobile. The 23-foot vehicle visited Glen's Market in Grayling last Thursday.

23 Years Ago July 20, 1989

The Department of Natural Resources fire-fighters helped to extinguish four small fires on Monday, July 17. Two of the fires burned about four acres along the north bound lane of the expressway south of Grayling. Duane Brooks, DNR Fire Officer, said sheriff deputies reported that the fires began as two separate fires and burned together.

If the City of Grayling and Grayling Township do not agree to begin paying a portion of the county ambulance's expenses by Sept. 12, the Crawford County Ambulance Corps will be

closed and all EMT's will be laid off. This decision was made by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Friday, July 14.

Peter Funck, who serves aboard the "Bounty" as second officer informed his parents, Bob and Katy Funck, that the filming in Jamaica for "Treasure Island" starring Charleston Heston as Long John Silver has finished and will be released to PBS in January. The Bounty was to dock in Savannah, Ga., on July 12 before beginning its 19 city tour to promote the movie and will be in Traverse City on Aug. 18.

46 Years Ago July 21, 1966

Pat Thompson and Steve DuBois attended a fundamental basketball school at Caro High School for one week.

Bill Morris of Oklahoma City, Okla., was at Lake Margrethe for the summer with his grandmother. Mrs. Herbert Wolff, was scuba diving in the lake on Sunday, July 10 and saw on the lake bottom a sleigh load of logs and the chains holding them in place, and thus confirmed the old time stories of more than one such load going through the ice in the days when the lumbering companies used the lake as a roadway in the

wintertime. Bill's uncle, Nels Olson and brother, Esbern Jr., several years ago found a similar log load and sled nearly buried in sand off Bear Point. The logs Bill found were free of sand and clearly visible.

69 Years Ago July 22, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Throop have moved into the Dr. Cook residence on Michigan Avenue.

The Gerald Larke family have returned to Grayling to reside after having been in Bay City for the past year while Mr. Larke was employed in defense work and now has employment at the Dore Manufacturing Company here.

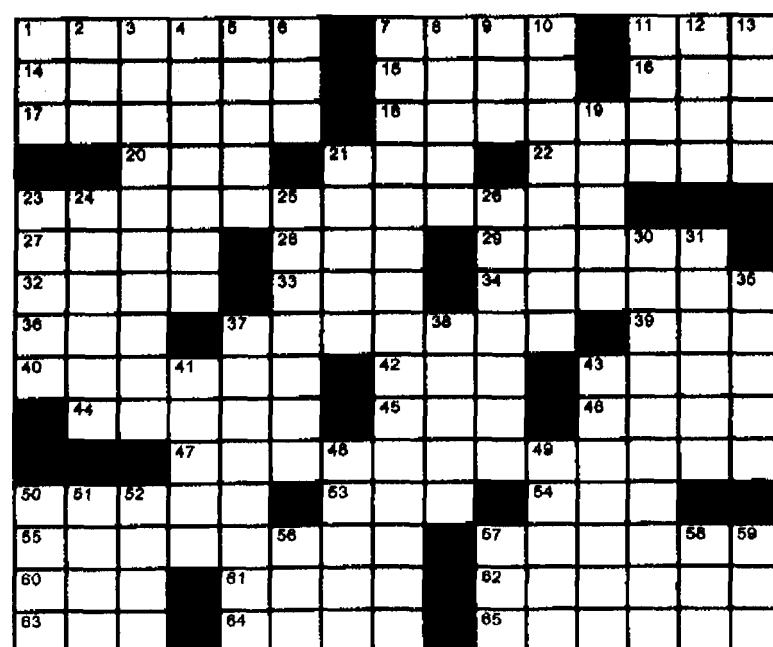
George Griffith is building a dock on his place down river, with the assistance of Earl Madsen. Mrs. Griffith is bossing the job and it has the ear marks of being one of the nicest docks on the river.

Butch Cornell is doing a fine job in the caring of the boats at VanLeck's resort at Lake Margrethe.

92 Years Ago July 22, 1920

Vivian, the little 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hodge, fell from an express cart while at play and broke her right arm.

CROSSWORD



Across

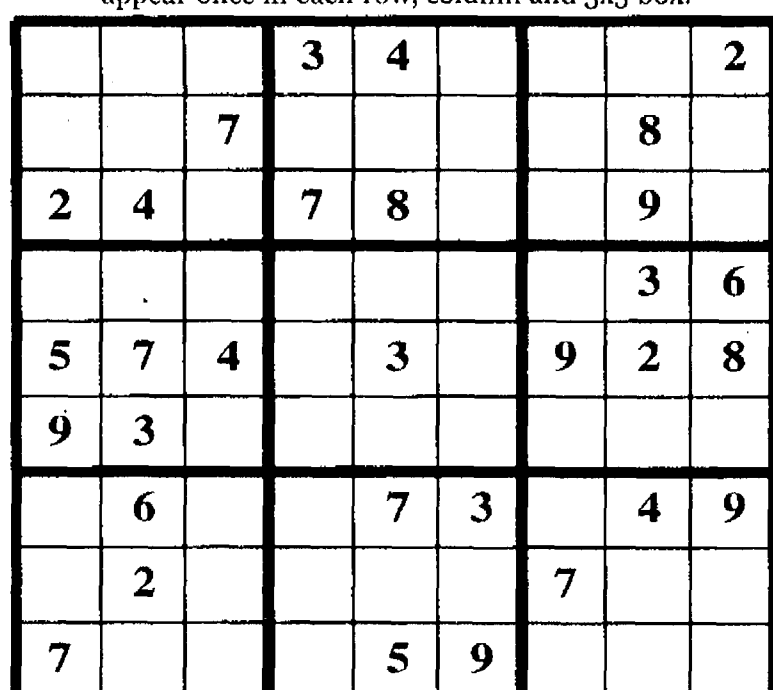
1. Easy open flip top (2 wds)
7. Spanish sparkling wine
11. Branch
14. "Seinfeld" gal
15. Eastern ties
16. Compete
17. Bring up
18. Taps (2 wds)
20. French vineyard
21. "Thank You (Falettin' Be Mice... Agin)" (#1 hit of 1970)
22. Intuitive feeling
23. Tendencies
27. Abnormal respiratory sound
28. Discouraging words
29. Growls
32. Bad day for Caesar
33. Schuss, e.g.
34. XC
36. Bit of a draft
37. Ancient Grecian district NW of Athens
39. "___ we having fun yet?"
40. Mountain range section
42. ___ King Cole
43. Hip bones
44. African antelope
45. Nod, maybe
46. Plundered
47. Tail of a dressed fowl (2 wds, pl.)
50. Go off script (hyphenated)
53. Director's cry
54. Amazon, e.g.
55. Person to whom money is owed
57. Calmer
60. Embrace
61. Cobblers' tools
62. Overlay
63. "I" problem
64. Bank deposit
65. Dimethyl sulfate and others

Down

1. Porcino
2. ___ king
3. Sudden onset of sleep
4. Third canonical hour (pl.)
5. Cancel
6. "Wanna ___?"
7. Path leading to impact (2 wds)
8. To the rear
9. Strength
10. Debility
11. Shakespeare, the Bard of ___
12. Reduced instruction set computer (acronym)
13. Speed
19. ___ International Film Festival in Korea
21. Arouse
23. Geometrical solid
24. Unit of angular measure
25. To such an extent
26. Catches fire
30. Land (2 wds)
31. Bitter conflict
35. "The Second Coming" poet
37. Using both lips
38. Jeer
41. Flavorful
43. Writer who uses sarcastic humor
48. Bawl out
49. Scruffs
50. Advil target
51. Dope
52. Child's plastic construction brick (trademark)
56. Quip, part 3
57. Bauxite, e.g.
58. Anderson's "High ___"
59. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

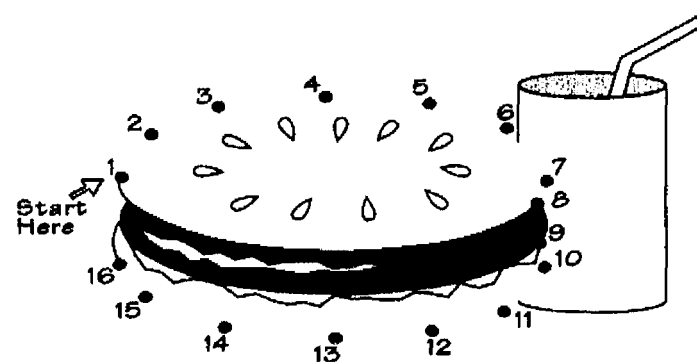


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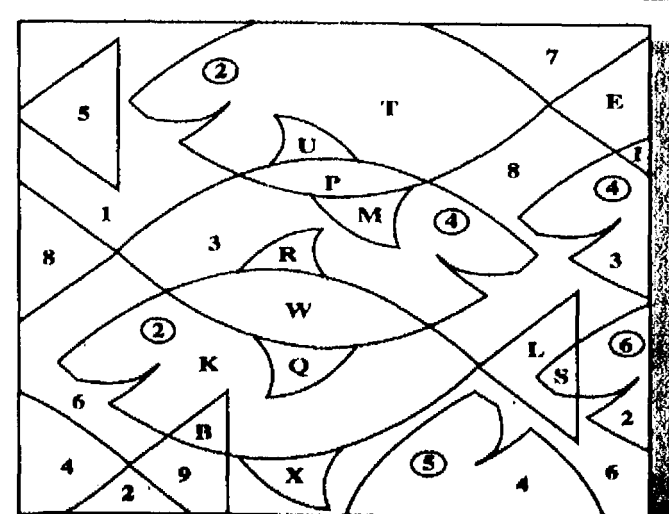
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connect the dots



HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

HOROSCOPES

Week of July 15, 2012



December 22-
January 19

Pace yourself, Capricorn. You've got a lot to do, but to do it right, you need to attack it a little at a time and check everything as you go. A friend could use some advice.



March 21-
April 19

Get your eye on an opportunity, Aries? So has someone else. Seize it now. A romantic gesture is returned, and passion ignites. A deadline looms.



June 22-
July 22

You have a point, but you need to drive it home for it to have any effect, Cancer. Fiction turns fact in your inner circle, and you must react.



September 23-
October 22

You're a force to be reckoned with this week, Libra, as creativity and confidence bloom. You're full of ideas and the chutzpah to see them through.



January 20-
February 18

You don't like chaos, Aquarius, but you might as well get used to it. Things are going to get hectic and stay that way for some time to come. Go with it.



April 20-
May 20

Raving reviews get the week off to a great start. You did your homework, and it shows. Taurus. A project at home turns out to be a walk in the park.



July 23-
August 22

Past, Leo. That special someone deserves your undivided attention. Make time for them. A young friend has a brilliant idea. Encourage them to implement it.



October 23-
November 21

Silly Scorpio. No one is out to get you other than yourself. You've made some poor choices, and as soon as you admit that, life will get better.



February 19-
March 20

A storm is brewing at home, Pisces. Get involved only if you dare. Finances improve vastly with some functioning of the budget. Bravo!



May 21-
June 21

You're waffling, and patience is wearing thin. Make a decision, Gemini, and stick to it. Glowing praise from a loved one makes for a delightful weekend.



August 23-
September 22

Press ahead, Virgo. Pay those naysayers no heed. You have everything you need at your fingertips to turn your dream into reality.



November 22-
December 21

Take it easy, Sagittarius. You've been checking off tasks from your to-do list left and right. Now it's time to relax and do a little traveling.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



FLOWER POWER CUPCAKES

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) white cake mix
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) Strawberry Flavor Gelatin
- 1 tub (8 oz.) Whipped Topping, thawed
- Few drops food coloring, any color
- 24 Marshmallows
- 24 Miniature Marshmallows
- 1/4 cup colored sugar or colored sprinkles

Directions:

PREPARE and bake cake batter as directed on package for 24 cupcakes; cool completely in pan. Pierce cupcakes with wooden skewer or large fork at 1/4-inch intervals. Add boiling water to gelatin mix; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Spoon over cupcakes, adding about 2 tsp. to each. Refrigerate 3 hours.

TINT whipped topping with food coloring; spread onto cupcakes.

CUT each large marshmallow crosswise into 5 pieces with clean kitchen shears. Arrange 5 on top of each cupcake to resemble flower. Place 1 miniature marshmallow in center of each. Sprinkle with colored sugar. Keep refrigerated.

Prep Time: 20 min
Total Time: 4 hr 12 min
Makes: 24 servings

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain Inches
07/09	82	50	0
07/10	81	49	0
07/11	86	61	0
07/12	88	53	0
07/13	81	61	0
07/14	83	66	1.00
07/15	86	60	0.06

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 84	High 81	High 85	High 89	High 84	High 85
Low 62	Low 54	Low 50	Low 62	Low 61	Low 59
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
 Display Advertising Rate - \$8 per column inch
 Deadline for Display Classifieds - Noon, Monday
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 Classified by the word deadline - Noon Tuesday

3 Employment

CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON

2 CAFETERIA SERVER opening at the Crawford AuSable School District elementary building. This position will be employed through PESG and contracted with the district for 3.5 hours per day on school days only. Qualifications: high school diploma and able to work effectively with school age students. Send application to Melanie Dannenberg, CASD, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Applications will be accepted through August 2, 2011 at 3 p.m. (-19-26/3)

COMMISSION ON AGING Positions available. The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for the following positions: Homemaker - Full time & On-Call - Duties include light housekeeping, personal care and supervision of clients. Preferred candidate will have two years professional caregiving experience or Nurse's Aide certification. Cook - On Call - Duties include preparing and serving meals at the senior center. Position provides coverage for regular cooks in their absence. Flexible schedule required for on-call positions. Application packets for all positions must be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling and returned by 5 p.m. on 7/20/12. (-12-19/3)

\$400 WEEKLY Assemblers needed for the busy summer season. Men and women encouraged to apply for our full-time or part-time positions. All positions will fill fast. Call now 989-732-2175. (-19/3)

4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08/tf/4)

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5. For Sale

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8. Announcements

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Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals for painting contractors to perform minor painting work (jobs expected not to exceed \$3,000 in scope) at its campus facilities for a period from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2015.
Proposals will be received until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at Kirtland Community College's facilities management office at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Detailed specifications and bid instructions are available on Kirtland's website <http://www.kirtland.edu/ics/Community/> or by calling 989-275-5000, ext. 263.

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8. Announcements

GRAYLING VIKING BAND DAY at Glen's, Saturday, July 21, 9 a.m. Car wash, bake sale, can and bottle drive. (-19/8)

CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE CLASSES \$125. One day class Saturday, July 28 and Saturday, Aug. 25, Grayling, 989-826-3907. (-12-19/8)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09/tf/8)

8. Announcements

GERTA'S DRAPERIES "Everything in Window Treatments." Free estimates and in-home appointments. Established in 1958. Call 989-732-3340 or visit our showroom at 2281 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord. (3/26/09/tf/8)

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8. Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS JORDEN WAKELEY on your 1st place finish at the Boyne Marathon in the Elite Division and for placing the track record in a time of 2:55:34. (-19/9)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Kid's clothes, toys, games and more. Friday & Saturday, 9 - 5, 1006 Vine St., Grayling. (-19/10)

HUGE GARAGE SALE 6578 N. Kolka Creek Rd., Frederic, July 20 and 21, 11 a.m. Emptying out 2 story house - full of everything. (-19/10)

COMBINED MOVING AUCTION! July 21, 10 a.m., Perry Creek & M-33, Mio, MI. Quantity of furniture, lamps, rugs, household, kitchenware, cameras, Pabst Neon, antiques, collectibles, Honda ATV, Moped, mini bike, patio furniture, coins & much more! View online or call. Let's talk Auction, 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-19/10)

GIANT MULTI BUILDING SALE at North Country Pet Resort, 5688 Dort Rd., Roscommon. Black massage chair, pink rocker, 2 entertainment center, compete easy up pool, glass table kitchen set, dressers, baby clothes, collectibles, too many other things to list. Open Friday & Saturday, 9 - 2, 989-821-9137. Bargain ready. (-19/10)

8. Announcements

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10. Garage Sales

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat. July 20 and 21, 9-3, Grayling Mobile Estates - Alexia Lane, follow the signs. Round table with 4 chairs. Extensive collection of porcelain clowns, some tools, lots for everyone. (-19/10)

GARAGE SALE Friday, 20 and Saturday, 21 - 9 a.m. 509 Rose St. (-19/10)

JULY 19 & 20, 9 to 3 Tables, dresser, tupperware, yarn, material, Cabbage patch doll heads, dolls, Avon, puzzles, child's bed rails, 1/2 finished crafts, toys, crochet books, much more, 575 Isenhauer. (-19/10)

DOWNSIZING SALE 5394 W. 4 Mile Rd. Gas powered drill, gas powered hedge trimmer, Troy built chipper, Klein electrical tools, sporting goods, 1970's Ski-doo snowmobile, lots of man tools, antique glassware, 17" Gerber doll, Elizabeth Taylor watches, Furby's, costume jewelry, much more. Cash only! July 19 - 22, 9-5. (-19/10)

8. Announcements

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10. Garage Sales

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SATURDAY JULY 21 @ 10 A.M.

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10. Garage Sales

INDOOR SALE First annual multiple employee as well as surplus hotel merchandise sale. A wide variety of items will be for sale in the meeting room area of the hotel, including plus size clothing and Precious Moments figurines at least 20 years old. Sale runs 7/23 - 7/29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (-19-26/10)

GARAGE SALE Thursday - Saturday, July 19 - 21. Children's clothing sizes 3T-12, toys, large dog house, booster seats, bar stools, boy and girl bikes, basketball backboard, portable workbench, Dewalt cordless drill, baseball/softball equipment, underground dog fence, boy's roller blades, rock tumbler, Christmas stuff, household items. 1800 S. Stephan Bridge Rd., just north of M-72 East. (-19/10)

GARAGE SALE 6420 Old Lake Rd. Thursday, July 19 to Saturday, July 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Something for everyone. (-19/10)

10. Garage Sales

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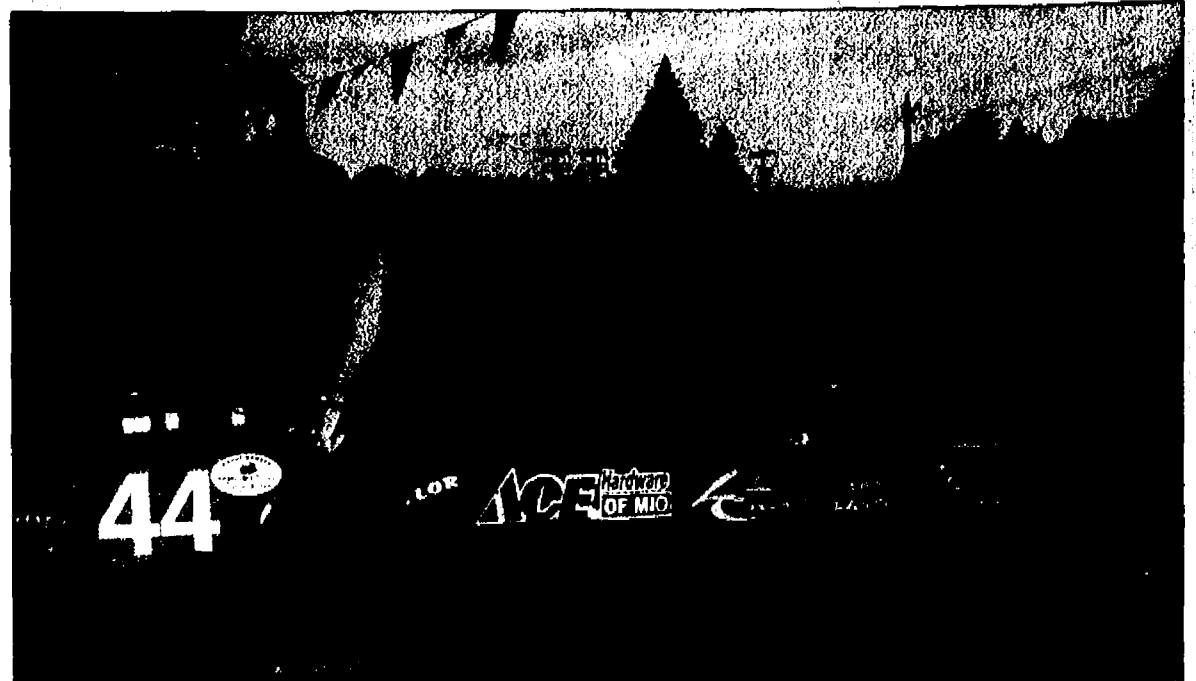
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Teams carry their canoes to the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during the start of the 2011 marathon.

Organizers expecting fewer teams for AuSable Marathon

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"It went by really fast. Before I knew it, I was at the finish line. I didn't expect that," he said.

Last year, the Deans were one of eight teams that featured two paddlers attempting their first AuSable Marathon; four finished and four did not. In all, there were 31 AuSable Marathon rookies last year and approximately two out of three (20 of 31) finished the race.

In 2010, which featured a record number of overall participants, 26 out of 32 first-time AuSable Marathon competitors reached the finish line. There were eight teams with two AuSable Marathon rookies and six of them finished. In 2009, the event featured 42 first-timers and 29 of them finished. Of eight two-rookie teams, five finished and three did not.

In the last three marathons combined, a series of races averaging more than 90 teams (180 paddlers) per year, 105 first-timers raced and 74 finished (70 percent).

Although the overall numbers are down a little bit this year, some race officials think the numbers may start to spike again eventually.

"I think there will be 75 teams (this year) with the number of entrants at this point," said Lisa Moggo, AuSable Marathon volunteer and committee member. "I think we will get 100-plus teams in the future. Being a Grayling native living in Oscoda for the past few years I have seen the efforts of the two committees and the beginning of the Dash For Cash. I believe the Dash For Cash will inspire more people from the Oscoda area to try the marathon. It has also increased the support from local businesses and the amount of volunteers."

"I think having 100-plus entries is a possibility in the future, and it would be a huge milestone for not only the (AuSable Marathon), but marathon canoe racing in general," Matthews said.

Justin Griffith, chairman of the AuSable Marathon Committee in Oscoda, said passing the 100-canoe mark will probably require increased sponsorship.

"I am hoping for 80 teams this year. I believe the marathon has the capability to maintain a level of 100 teams. It will depend on a title sponsorship above the highest level that Weyerhaeuser was putting up for their sponsorship,"

Griffith said. "With the recent financial involvement from Consumers Energy we have high hopes to continue a relationship similar to what we had with Weyerhaeuser. It would open our capability to promote the marathon outside of the AuSable River valley. If we maintain the same levels of sponsorship that we have had over the past few years, we will most likely stay in the 70-90 range."

The 2012 AuSable River Canoe Marathon will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 28. Teams will line up with their canoes on Peninsular Avenue near the post office according to sprint times, five per row, prior to the start. The race begins with the competitors running downhill, carrying their canoes to the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. From there, it's a 14- to 19-hour trip to Oscoda.

Not all teams that start the marathon will reach the finish line. Some competitors will likely be disqualified for failing to meet timing criteria at one of the checkpoints, and others may have to withdraw due to illness, injury, or fatigue. Ninety teams started last year's marathon and 69 of those finished (77 percent).

Youth canoe race set for Friday, July 27

The Casey Challenge youth canoe race - open to paddlers ages 12 through 17 - will be held on Friday, July 27.

The race starts at Borchers AuSable Canoeing and ends at Burton's Landing. The event has four age divisions: boys 16-17, boys 14-15, boys 12-13, girls 12-17. Cost to participate is \$25 per team. Participants will receive a race T-shirt.

Check-in starts at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. There will be a pre-race briefing at

9:45 a.m., and the first age division will begin the race at 10 a.m.

Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division will be given to the teams during the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's pre-race program.

Registration forms are available at Borchers or online at www.canoe-borchers.com.

If you have any questions, contact Borchers at 348-4921.

Hanson Hills Disc Golf

The Hanson Hills Disc Golf Club is holding leagues every Wednesday night at Hanson Hills. There are four divisions: Open, Recreation, Beginner, and Women's.

7/11/12 Week #12 Results
(Division, Name, Score, Place)

Open Division
Scott Gross, 1st
Jessie Ginther, 2nd
William Ryan, 3rd

Wesley Willoughby, 3rd
John Sauro, 5th
Ben Jones, 5th
Justin Andre, 7th
Justin Wing, 7th
Gary Spicer, 9th
Jesse Odden, 10th
Beginner Division
Matt Seeley, 1st
Troy Winchel, 2nd
Recreation Division
Cody Odden, 1st
Cody Verlinde, 2nd
Jon Handy, 3rd

Mark Mikulin, 4th
Nick Terry, 5th
Women's Division
Samantha Wilkerson, 1st
Sara Cook, 2nd

People interested in playing in leagues can simply show up on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. and register. League information can be found on www.hansonhills.org or follow the club on Facebook Hanson Hills DGC.

Grayling Country Club News

Tuesday Morning Ladies Golf League

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Golf League at the Grayling Country Club has started the second half of the season. Linda Fouts and Balkis Shippy started the second half by ending the day in first place, with Carlene McMurtrie and Diana Amato earning sec-

ond place from the first half's winners, Roxanne James and Linda Marcereau. Wendy Kucharek and Sandy Winkle are holding third place. Balkis took low putts of the day with a 29 and Carlene had a great chip-in on hole #4 for a par. There were a total of eight skins between Roxanne,

Marcereau, Fouts, Diana and Carlene. The sand trap, water balls and lost balls fund is growing, meaning a great luncheon at our end of the season banquet.

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Grayling Little League

Big League Division
Grayling Little League's big league division softball team - the Dragons - posted a split vs. Cheboygan last Monday.

Grayling won 4-3 in the first game of the series, ending the contest with a walk-off two-RBI double by Madi Junttila in the bottom of the final inning.

Junttila was 2 for 3 in the

game. Hannah Golnick was 2 for 3 with two runs scored. Caitlin Prosser was 1 for 2. Jensen Tchorzyaski was also 1 for 2. Samantha Adams was 1 for 2 with a double.

Meagan Malm pitched four innings for Grayling and Makayla Cragg pitched one inning.

Cheboygan won 15-5 in the second game of the dou-

bleheader.

For the Dragons, Golnick was 1 for 2 with one run scored. Junttila was also 1 for 2 with one run scored.

Malm was 1 for 2 with a double. Cragg was 1 for 2 with one run scored. Adams was 1 for 2 with one run scored.



Caitlin Prosser hits the ball for Grayling during last Monday's series vs. Cheboygan.



Jensen Stephan catches a pop fly in right field on Monday night.



Madi Junttila catches for the Grayling team vs. Cheboygan.



Hannah Golnick slides into second base on Monday.

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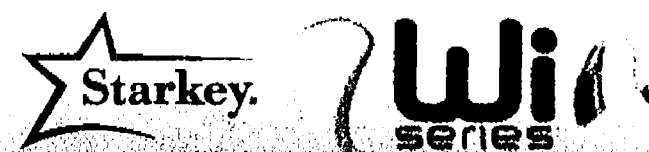
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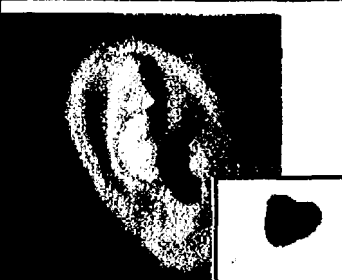


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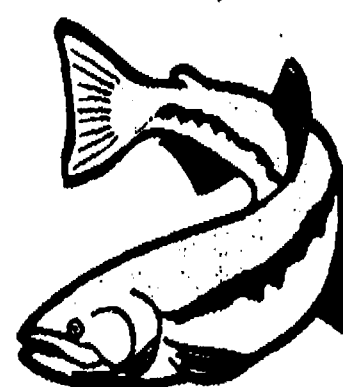


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